



**Aboriginal Education Council
Minutes May 18, 2017
Puntledge Park Elementary
9:00 am**

Regrets: Lou-Ann Neel, Mark Peill

- Report from Superintendent
 - Enjoyed the AEC Capacity meetings, well planned and received
 - Grade 6 West Courtenay schools to move to Lake Trail, meet with Administrators for a smooth transition, 6 new staff being hired
- Report from School Trustee/AED Liaison
 - Sorry did not attend AEC Capacity Meeting
 - Tuesday May 23 School Board meeting first budget without cuts, good news budget, space crunches only negative
 - Ministry will not fund portables if there are empty classrooms
 - Positive feedback regarding the West Courtenay schools

- Consultation process for the long range facility plan, best to re-align to address the demographic challenge with student population growth that has shifted, possibility of changing boundaries and grade structure.
- Report from CDTA Representative
 - Staffing changes coming to AbEd, Gord McMahon retirement received
 - Ongoing staffing, adding 60 more positions
 - Colleen Devlin, National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation, Imagine Canada discuss how to honor her students
- Report from CUPE Representative
 - Membership meeting, new VP – written report
- Report from DPAC Representative
 - Meeting budget talks, presentation from the treasurer of SD71
 - Last meeting of the year May 29th at Valley View 6:30
- Report from District Principal - Written Report and highlights

BREAK – 10:15

Speaker Phone – meeting with Marcia Dawson – Summary of the Report on Strategic Planning

Proposed date with Marcia Dawson, June 27 or 28 (26) to facilitate Strategic Plan
Brainstorm ideas from AEC at the June 8th AEC meeting

6. Old Business:

- Critical Incident and response-
 - Team is all senior management, is there an opportunity for an elder on the team, could there be a CDTA and a CUPE member on the team
 - Death of a student on Hornby Island, if an AbEd student, need some aboriginal support in place
 - EA Sandy Staples death effected many Aboriginal students and staff, team went to Cumberland and Lake Trail
 - Work on protocol for this type of tragedy, elder or aboriginal teacher, school work with NIC for an elder in residence
 - Where does racism fit into the critical incident team, invite Paul to speak on this.

7. New Business:

- Student transitions (new including Gr 5's in West Courtenay)
 - Plan in place for Courtenay, Arden and Puntledge to visit Lake Trail to prepare for next school year into Grade 6
 - Plan in place, same as in past years, for all Grade 6's moving to Grade 7 to visit their next school
- Gathering with AbEd Staff and Clarity on contact with staff
 - Proper process as stated in the Terms of Reference
 - Discussion to clarify the relationship and how contact is made between AEC and Staff members
 - Bruce to contact Lynda-Marie Handfield to request assistance to clarify communication between AbEd staff and AEC members
- Next AEC meeting (special guest, location)
 - Ian Heslegrave to speak on Vanier AbEd Room

(11:45am moved In-Camera)

Next meeting June 8, Glacier Greens Golf Course

(12:17 pm moved out of In-Camera)

Adjourned

8. In Camera meeting

Ian Heslegrave – Director of operations

Vanier Project - AbEd space – details shown to Bruce,

Kitchen space, Office area, open meeting place

Request for funding to furnish kitchen with appliances and some furnishing for the open space.

Approval for \$10,000 of the surplus to supply appliances and furnishings for Vanier AbEd space **consensus**

ASW/Cultural position – CUPE and HR recommended to dissolve this position, now 2 people in this position, one is dissolved and the other position will be retired in September 2018. This position has caused a divide between ASW's, union environment hires by seniority rather than experience.

VP position – new posting effective September 2017, job posting will include the 4 questions from the ASW application, not known who is paying for the position, this will be discussed in the fall as to how it will affect the AEC budget. Not attached to Nala'atsi.

Secondary CST Gord McMahon retiring, new position for VP will come from this teacher position with a portion of the time to Administration.

Letter to be written to HR to edit the position posting to include Ancestry is a must and who is paying for the VP position.