



ABORIGINAL EDUCATION COUNCIL (AEC)



Focus: Preliminary Budget Meeting (2017/2018)

Monday, February 20, 2017

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Hollywood Road Education Services – Room 3

1040 Hollywood Road S.

MINUTES

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| Council Members: | Fernanda Alexander Westbank First Nation | Wilfred Barnes Westbank First Nation Elder | Ann Bell Lake Country Native Association |
| | Deb Butler Board of Education | Julia Fraser Board of Education | Karen Frazie Okanagan Nation Alliance |
| | Kelly L'Hirondelle Kelowna Métis Association | Edna Terbasket Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society | |
| School District Staff: | Terry-Lee Beaudry Central Okanagan School District | Joanne De Guevara Central Okanagan School District | Kevin Kaardal Central Okanagan School District |
| Guest: | Eileen Sadlowski Central Okanagan School District | | |
| Regrets: | Denise Clough Westbank First Nation | Chantelle Colthorp Kelowna Métis Association | Raf De Guevara Westbank First Nation |
| | Roberta Robin Dods Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society | Michelle Price Aboriginal Parent & Family Education Council | Dan Wilson Okanagan Indian Band |

1. Opening Prayer

Wilfred Barnes led the opening prayer.

2. Welcome

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the Aboriginal Education Council Meeting. Everyone introduced themselves.

In order to have quorum, the Chairperson requested that Council accept Karen Frazie's appointment to the Aboriginal Education Council prior to receiving the Okanagan Nation Alliance Letter of Appointment.

M04-17 MOVED by Edna Terbasket, SECONDED by Kelly L'Hirondelle

THAT: The appointment of Okanagan Nation Alliance representative, Karen Frazie, be accepted prior to the Council receiving the Letter of Appointment from Okanagan Nation Alliance.

CARRIED

For Discussion / Decision

3. Adoption of the February 20, 2017 Agenda

M05-17 MOVED by Ann Bell, SECONDED by Edna Terbasket

THAT: The Agenda for January 12, 2017 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. Board of Education – Letter of Appointment

M06-17 MOVED by Kelly L'Hirondelle, SECONDED by Ann Bell

THAT: The Board of Education Letter of Appointment be accepted as attached to the agenda.

CARRIED

Presentations

5. Aboriginal Education 13th Annual Report

The District Principal presented the draft Aboriginal Education 13th Annual Report, highlighting the Aboriginal Information Management System (AIMS) as well as learning opportunities with the four quadrants of the Medicine Wheel (Emotional, Spiritual, Intellectual, and Physical) and the 40 Development Assets®. The report is currently missing the Early Learning Profile data. This data will be inputted when the information is received. Once the report is accepted by the AEC, the 13th Annual Aboriginal Education Report will be forwarded to the Board of Education as an information item.

The AEC recommended the following amendments to the Aboriginal Education 13th Annual Report:

- Amend the picture caption on page 2 to "The Unity and Eagle Staffs at the Aboriginal Graduation".
- Amend the picture caption on page 7 to "Unity Staff Carrier, Chris Joe, at the Aboriginal Graduation Ceremony".
- Add a page highlighting community connections
- Add Early Learning Profile Data
- Add to the Emotional Section: Mention of the support given in the Gathering rooms.

Action Item: *To amend the Aboriginal Education 13th Annual Report as outlined in the February 20, 2017 AEC meeting minutes. (Joanne De Guevara)*

The AEC also requested that five copies of the final Aboriginal Education 13th Annual Report be provided to each organization for sharing.

Action Item: *To send five copies of the final Aboriginal Education 13th Annual Report to each organization represented on the AEC. (Michelle DesRochers)*

M07-17 MOVED by Edna Terbasket, SECONDED by Ann Bell

THAT: The Aboriginal Education 13th Annual Report be accepted once amended and forwarded to the Board of Education as an information item.

CARRIED

6. Budget Presentation - Central Okanagan School District

Eileen Sadlowski, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, presented an overview of how the budget is allocated within the Central Okanagan School District. The Budget Timeline was outlined, explaining that any budget recommendations are to be forwarded/presented at the March 15, 2017 or April 5, 2017 Public Finance Committee Meetings. The Budget 2017/2018 Presentation can be viewed on the District's website.

2:33 pm – *The Aboriginal Education Council recessed.*

2:41 pm – *The Aboriginal Education Council reconvened.*

7. Aboriginal Education Program 2017/2018 Preliminary Budget

Eileen Sadlowski, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, shared that the District Principal and the entire Aboriginal Education staff were highly commended by the Ministry of Education's Compliance Audit Team for their tracking of Aboriginal student involvement in the Aboriginal Education Program. The auditors will be recommending AIMS as an exemplar software program throughout British Columbia.

The AEC recommended that Aboriginal Program staff who worked hard to prepare for the recent Ministry Compliance Audit be commended.

2:55 pm – *The Superintendent/CEO joined the meeting.*

Eileen Sadlowski, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, outlined the current 2016/2017 Budget. Currently, the District is reviewing the positions of the Okanagan Language/Cultural Instructor, Aboriginal Cultural Presenters, and Cultural Program Coordinator and the allotted time spent with Aboriginal students versus non-Aboriginal students to determine the potential for further cost-sharing.

The District Principal shared that the Youth and Family Wellness Workers have not been hired as the Human Resources Department and CUPE are working on establishing the perimeters of the position and determining if an increase in salary is viable.

The AEC also discussed the need to ensure that the District receives proper permission when creating Aboriginal curriculum resources and that the local knowledge keepers are part of the conversations.

The District Principal advised that the District is working with Okanagan Nation Alliance and Westbank First Nation on establishing written agreements regarding the use of local teachings, protocols, etc..

3:29 pm – Edna Terbasket left the meeting.

The AEC continued to discuss the development of local Aboriginal curriculum and learning resources and recommended that a Culture/Curriculum Committee be struck to develop a partnership agreement.

Action Item: *To establish a Culture/Curriculum Committee to develop a local partnership agreement in regards to the development of local Aboriginal curriculum and learning resources.
(Joanne De Guevara)*

Eileen Sadlowski, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, outlined the preliminary 2017-2018 Aboriginal Education Program Budget.

For Open Discussion

8. 2017/2018 Aboriginal Education Program Budget

The AEC discussed the line items on the 2017/2018 preliminary budget and decided that an additional AEC Budget Meeting be scheduled to finalize the Council's budget recommendations prior to the April 5, 2017 Public Finance Committee meeting.

Action Item: *To send a doodle poll with potential dates in March for an AEC Budget meeting and schedule the meeting accordingly. (Michelle DesRochers)*

The AEC also discussed the need to write a letter to the Ministry of Education outlining the need for the province to provide additional core funding for Aboriginal Education learning resources and staff to support the implementation of the redesigned curriculum.

Action Item: *To draft a letter on behalf of the AEC to the Ministry of Education outlining the need for the province to provide additional core funding for Aboriginal Education learning resources and staff to support the implementation of the redesigned curriculum. (Fernanda Alexander/Terry Beaudry)*

AEC Budget Meeting (March) – TBD

Future AEC meeting date:

Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 1:00 pm (WFN Gov't Offices – Council Chambers)