



ABORIGINAL EDUCATION COUNCIL (AEC)



Thursday, January 12, 2017
 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
 WFN Gov't Office – Council Chambers
 (515 Highway 97 South)

MINUTES

Council Members:	Fernanda Alexander Westbank First Nation	Wilfred Barnes Westbank First Nation Elder	Ann Bell Lake Country Native Association
	Deb Butler Board of Education	Denise Clough Westbank First Nation	Chantelle Colthorp Kelowna Métis Association
	Raf De Guevara Westbank First Nation	Kelly L'Hirondelle Kelowna Métis Association	Allan Louis Okanagan Indian Band
	Lee Mossman Board of Education	Edna Terbasket Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society	
School District Staff:	Terry-Lee Baudry Central Okanagan School District	Joanne De Guevara Central Okanagan School District	
Regrets:	Roberta Robin Dods Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society	Jennifer Houde Okanagan Nation Alliance	Kevin Kaardal Central Okanagan School District
	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 and welcomed Chantelle Colthorp to the Aboriginal Education Council.

For Discussion / Decision

3. Adoption of the January 12, 2017 Agenda

Add: Before Information Items: Honourariums for Elders

M01-17 MOVED by Ann Bell, SECONDED by Edna Terbasket
THAT: The Agenda for January 12, 2017 be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

4. Review and Approval of the October 3, 2016 Aboriginal Education Council Minutes

M02-17 MOVED by Allan Louis, SECONDED by Kelly L'Hirondelle
THAT: The Minutes of the Aboriginal Education Council Meeting for October 3, 2016 be adopted.
CARRIED

5. Kelowna Métis Association – Letter of Appointment

M03-17 MOVED by Allan Louis, SECONDED by Edna Terbasket

The Council requested that the Kelowna Métis Association Letter of Appointment be supported with a friendly amendment (the letter should be addressed to the AEC).

THAT: The Kelowna Métis Association Letter of Appointment be supported with a friendly amendment. CARRIED

6. Review of Action Items

6.1 ACTION ITEM: *To provide the AEC with preliminary transition rates of Aboriginal students attending post-secondary schools for a future AEC meeting. (Joanne De Guevara)*

This item will be discussed in the Spring of 2017.

6.2 ACTION ITEM: *To explore best practices for a sustainable Elder in Residence program during the 2016-2017 school year. (Terry Beaudry)*

The Deputy Superintendent requested that the AEC send the names of any Elders who would want to engage in discussions regarding the development of a sustainable Elder in Residence Program.

Action Item: *To send Michelle DesRochers the names of Elders interested in participating in establishing an Elder in Residence Program. (AEC)*

6.3 ACTION ITEM: *To provide a detailed report on what percentage of resources and the staffing budget are being used for Aboriginal students versus non-Aboriginal students. (Joanne De Guevara)*

This item has been deferred until further clarification has been brought forward.

6.4 ACTION ITEM: *To relay to the Language and Cultural Program Sub-Committee Motion M91-16 (THAT: A review process to evaluate the efficacy of the Language and Cultural Program be created) at the first Language and Cultural Program Sub-Committee meeting. (Terry Beaudry)*

Terry shared that the Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee struck the following three sub-committees: Curriculum Development, Parental Involvement, and Student Transitions.

The Council agreed that a Language and Cultural Program Sub-Committee was struck at an Aboriginal Education Council meeting and should therefore move forward.

The Chairperson requested that an email be sent to all AEC members asking for participation on the Language and Cultural Program Sub-Committee.

Action Item: *To send out an invite to AEC members for community representation on the Language and Cultural Program Sub-Committee. (Michelle DesRochers)*

6.5 ACTION ITEM: *To collate after school programming information from each agency for a future AEC meeting. (Michelle DesRochers)*

Michelle shared that she is waiting to confirm information from a couple of agencies.

Wilfred Barnes left the meeting at 1:50 pm

The AEC discussed the need for community involvement in after school programs (academics, sport, and culture) as the Aboriginal Education Program staff are stretched. 'After School Programming' will be added as a future agenda item.

Wilfred Barnes rejoined the meeting at 1:55 pm

The Deputy Superintendent and Lee Mossman asked for further clarification regarding Action Item 6.3 and Action Item 6.11.

The AEC requested that District staff arrange a meeting with Ann Bell and Denise Clough to clarify the request for budget information related to Targeted Funding and update the AEC at a future meeting.

Action Item: *To schedule a meeting with District staff, Ann Bell, and Denise Clough to clarify the request for budget information related to Targeted Funding. (Michelle DesRochers)*

Denise Clough left the meeting at 2:10 pm

6.6 ACTION ITEM: *To research the reason the Ministry decided to no longer be involved in the development of Enhancement Agreements and update the AEC with any additional information. (Kevin Kaardal and the AEC)*

The AEC agreed that information has been provided and decided to remove this action item.

6.7 ACTION ITEM: *To design a two day workshop to train the Aboriginal Education Council on the principles of the Four Vital Voices of Community Enowkinwixw: A Syilx (Okanagan) Protocol of Respect. (Jennifer Houde)*

As Jennifer wasn't able to attend the meeting, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

6.8 ACTION ITEM: *To send out meeting dates for the Safe Schools Committee and the Health Promoting Schools Committee to the AEC, inviting members to express their interest in being the Aboriginal representative on one or both of the committees. (Terry Beaudry)*

Edna Terbasket expressed interested in appointing Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society representatives to the Safe Schools Committee and the Health Promoting Schools Committee.

The AEC requested that the meeting dates for the Safe Schools Committee and the Health Promoting Schools Committee be sent to the Council with the request for Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society representation.

Action Item: *To forward Letter of Appointments for the Safe Schools Committee and the Health Promoting Schools Committee to the office of the Deputy Superintendent. (Edna Terbasket)*

6.9 ACTION ITEM: *To provide information regarding the 2015-2016 after school program at George Pringle and why it is not running this year. (Joanne De Guevara)*

As Joanne wasn't able to attend the meeting, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

6.10 ACTION ITEM: *To provide the list of representatives on the Aboriginal Student Awards Selection Panel at the November 2016 AEC meeting. (Joanne De Guevara)*

The Deputy Superintendent shared that invites have been sent out to the RCMP – Michael Williams, Rolli Williams, and Sherri Lund, UBCO – Adrian Vedan, Okanagan College – Anthony Isaac, Okanagan Member-at-Large – Jordan Coble, Elders – Carol Derickson and Delphine Derickson.

6.11 ACTION ITEM: *To forward to the District Finance and Legal Committee a request for a report outlining how targeted funding is currently being allocated. (Lee Mossman)*

This item has been deferred until further clarification has been brought forward.

Raf De Guevara joined the meeting at 2:27 pm.

6.12 ACTION ITEM: *To send the AEC a few potential dates for the AEC School Tour and determine which date works best for everyone. (Michelle DesRochers)*

The AEC confirmed interest in an AEC School Tour and requested that a Doodle Poll be sent out with potential dates.

6.13 ACTION ITEM: *To determine whether or not national, provincial, and/or local Chiefs should be recognized in the District Policy 621 – Protocol for Flying Flags at Half-Mast. (Wilfred Barnes)*

As each nation has their own protocols for flying flags at half-mast, the AEC decided not to recommend any changes to the District Policy 621 – Protocol for Flying Flags at Half-Mast.

New Business

7. Central Okanagan School District's In Kind Estimates for 2015-2016

The Deputy Superintendent shared that the District's 'in kind' estimate for the 2015-2016 schools year is approximately \$177,365. It is estimated that the 2016-2017 'in kind' estimates will be higher as the District has purchased additional learning resources and hired a Curriculum Resource teacher to support the development of local Indigenous resources.

8. BC Integrated Youth Services Initiative – Update

The Chairperson provided the AEC with a brief update on the BC Integrated Youth Services Initiative and asked if the AEC would like to invite representatives from the BC Integrated Youth Services Initiative to present at a future AEC meeting.

The AEC agreed to invite representatives from the BC Integrated Youth Services Initiative to present at a future AEC meeting.

Action Item: To invite representatives from the BC Integrated Youth Services Initiative to present at a future AEC meeting. (Terry Beaudry)

9. Ministry of Education Enrolment Confirmation Audit

The Deputy Superintendent shared that the Ministry of Education will be conducting an enrolment confirmation audit from January 30, 2017 to February 3, 2017. District staff are currently preparing for this audit.

10. Aboriginal Report 2011/2012 – 2015/2016 – How Are We Doing?

The Deputy Superintendent provided a copy of the recently released 'Aboriginal Report 2011/2012 – 2015/2016 – How Are We Doing?' and requested that the AEC review the Ministry of Education's report prior to discussing at a future AEC meeting.

Action Item: To review the Ministry of Education's Report 'Aboriginal Report 2011/2012 – 2015/2016 – How Are We Doing?' prior to discussing at a future AEC meeting. (AEC)

11. Aboriginal Education Program - Administration Update

Staffing Update

The Deputy Superintendent shared that the District is looking at reposting the Youth & Family Wellness Worker position as the first round of posting was unsuccessful.

Action Item: To send the AEC the Youth & Family Wellness Worker posting. (Michelle DesRochers)

The Deputy Superintendent also shared that a Curriculum Resource teachers has been hired and is being paid out of District core funding.

Okanagan Language Teacher's Involvement with the syilx Language House

The Deputy Superintendent shared that the Okanagan Language teacher is attending the syilx Language House twice week. The District is committed to this arrangement until spring break and will reassess the Okanagan Language teacher's involvement at spring break. Currently, there are two Okanagan Language classes being offered at Constable Neil Bruce Middle School and these classes are paid by the school from core funding.

Okanagan Language Signage in Schools

The Deputy Superintendent shared that principals are learning Okanagan words and phrases and providing Okanagan Language words at assemblies and posting school signage. The template for the signage was shared.

Indigenizing the Redesigned Curriculum

As Joanne wasn't able to attend the meeting, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

12. Student Reflection of Learning With An Elder

Terry shared a student reflection with an Elder.

Raf De Guevara left the meeting at 3:45 pm.

13. Honourariums for Elders

The AEC discussed the base amounts for Elder honourariums and the need to review these amounts. The Council decided to send Michelle DesRochers the honourarium guidelines that their organization follows for further discussion.

Action Item: To send Michelle DesRochers the honourarium guidelines your organization follows. (AEC)

Information Item

14. BC Ministry of Education Letter Re: Approval to Underspend 2015/2016 Targeted Funding

The BC Ministry of Education Letter regarding the approval to underspend the 2015/2016 targeted funding was provided.

15. CBC Radio Interview with Kevin Kaiser, Aboriginal Resource Support Teacher (K-12)

The link to the CBC Radio interview with Kevin Kaiser, Aboriginal Resource Support teacher (K-12) was provided.

Future Agenda Items

- **Presentation – Central Okanagan Gang Activity Data (RCMP)**
 - **Principles of the Four Vital Voices of Community Enowkinwixw: A Syilx (Okanagan) Protocol of Respect**
 - **Aboriginal Recreational Teams**
 - **Language and Cultural Review**
 - **Elder in Residence Programs**
 - **Aboriginal Student Supports**
 - **Aboriginal Student Award Funding**
 - **After School Programming**
 - **Honourariums for Elders**
 - **Early Learning Supports**
 - **Presentation – Early Learning Team**
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Future AEC Meetings:

Monday, February 20, 2017 at 1:00 pm (Hollywood Road Education Services – Room 4)

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