



ABORIGINAL EDUCATION COUNCIL (AEC)



AEC Budget Meeting

March 20, 2017
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
WFN Gov't Offices – Council Chambers
515 Hwy 97

MINUTES

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

1. Opening Prayer

Edna Terbasket led the opening prayer.

2. Welcome

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the Aboriginal Education Council meeting.

For Discussion / Decision

3. Adoption of the March 20, 2017 Agenda

Defer: Agenda Item: Okanagan Nation Alliance – Letter of Appointment until letter is received.

M08-17 MOVED by Edna Terbasket , SECONDED by Dan Wilson

THAT: The Agenda for March 20, 2017 be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

4. Review and Approval of the January 12, 2017 and February 20, 2017 Aboriginal Education Council Minutes

M09-17 MOVED by Deb Butler, SECONDED by Kelly L'Hirondelle

THAT: The Minutes for January 12, 2017 and February 20, 2017 be adopted.
ABSTAINED: Raf De Guevara and Dan Wilson
CARRIED

5. AEC 2017/2018 Aboriginal Education Program Budget Recommendations

The District Principal provided a breakdown of the classroom/school presentations versus Aboriginal student only presentations/events for the Okanagan Language/Culture Instructor, Aboriginal Education Cultural Presenter, and Cultural Program Coordinator positions. The cost-share recovery for classroom/school presentations is 50/50 up to five presentations per school. After five presentations, the school pays 100%.

The Deputy Superintendent shared that additional funding requests from the AEC need to come forward to the April 5, 2017 Finance and Legal Committee meeting. District staff will begin making staffing decisions for the Aboriginal Education Program in April. However, further discussions regarding the preliminary budget can occur at the next AEC meeting.

1:20 pm - Karen Frazie joined the meeting.

The AEC reviewed the preliminary 2017/2018 Aboriginal Education Program Budget and recommended the following:

M10-17 MOVED by Ann Bell, SECONDED by Dan Wilson

THAT: The District fund the Okanagan Language Teacher position out of core funding.

ABSTAINED: Deb Butler

CARRIED

M11-17 MOVED by Ann Bell, SECONDED by Edna Terbasket

THAT: The Okanagan Language/Culture Instructor position be increased to full time.

ABSTAINED: Deb Butler and Karen Frazie

CARRIED

M12-17 MOVED by Edna Terbasket, SECONDED by Chantelle Colthorp

THAT: A letter of support be provided to the Board of Education, requesting that an additional Classroom Support Teacher position be funded from core funding to support indigenizing the curriculum.

ABSTAINED: Deb Butler

CARRIED

The Chairperson and/or designate will present M10-17 (THAT: The District fund the Okanagan Language Teacher position out of core funding) to the Finance and Legal Committee on Wednesday, April 5, 2017.

The AEC discussed the need for a Behaviour Support Teacher to provide additional support to Aboriginal students and decided to add this topic to the next AEC agenda.

Action Item: To add 'Potential Behaviour Support Teacher Position' to the next AEC meeting. (Terry Beaudry)

6. Reschedule Next AEC Meeting

As a few Council members are not able to attend the originally scheduled AEC meeting on April 20, 2017, it was proposed to reschedule the next AEC meeting to Tuesday, May 2, 2017 from 9 am – 12 pm.

Action Item: To send the proposed AEC meeting date (Tuesday, May 2, 2017 from 9 am – 12 pm) to the AEC to confirm quorum. (Michelle DesRochers)

Adjourned at 3:59 pm