



ABORIGINAL EDUCATION COUNCIL (AEC)



Wednesday, May 25, 2016

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Hollywood Road Education Services – Room 3

1040 Hollywood Road

MINUTES

Council Members:	Wilfred Barnes Westbank First Nation Elder Chris Derickson Westbank First Nation Greg Mazur Kelowna Métis Association Dan Wilson Okanagan Indian Band	Ann Bell Lake Country Native Association Roberta Robin Dods Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society Lee Mossman Board of Education	Denise Clough Westbank First Nation Kelly L'Hirondelle Kelowna Métis Association Edna Terbasket Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society
School District Staff:	Terry-Lee Beaudry Central Okanagan School District	Kevin Kaardal Central Okanagan School District	
Guest:	Jim Colquhoun Director of Human Resources – Labour Relations		
Regrets:	Deb Butler Board of Education Michelle Price Aboriginal Parent & Family Education Council	Raf De Guevara Westbank First Nation	Jennifer Houde Okanagan Nation Alliance

1. Opening Prayer

Wilfred Barnes led the opening prayer.

2. Welcome

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the Aboriginal Education Council Meeting.

For Discussion / Decision

3. Adoption of the May 25, 2016 Agenda

Add: Before Review of Action Items: BC Integrated Youth Services Initiative Announcement & Request (Chairperson)

M86-16 MOVED by Dan Wilson, SECONDED by Ann Bell
THAT: The Agenda for May 25, 2016 be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

4. Review and Approval of the January 20, 2016 Aboriginal Education Council Minutes and the February 18, 2016 Aboriginal Education Council – Preliminary Budget Meeting (2016/2017) Minutes

M87-16 MOVED by Greg Mazur, SECONDED by Kelly L'Hirondelle
THAT: The Minutes of the Aboriginal Education Council Meetings for January 20, 2016 and February 18, 2016 be adopted.
CARRIED

5. BC Integrated Youth Services Initiative Announcement & Request

The Chairperson advised that Kelowna has been one of the sites selected for the implementation of a BC Integrated Youth Services Initiative (BC-IYSI) service site. The Province will be making a formal announcement and has requested visuals for display, including logos of partner organizations supporting this initiative.

The AEC agreed to send the Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement logo to be included in the announcement visuals.

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 Action Item will be discussed at a future AEC Meeting.

6.2 ACTION ITEM: *To provide the AEC with a report on how the \$1,500 was utilized to support the Lake Country Nation Association's Youth Group Sessions. (Ann Bell)*

Ann Bell will provide a report in the fall of 2016.

6.3 ACTION ITEM: *To draft a letter AEC members can forward to their local MLAs, requesting additional funds be allocated to education. (Deb Butler)*

The Assistant Superintendent will discuss with Trustee Butler.

6.4 ACTION ITEM: *To bring information on the delivery models from past Elder in Residence programs to a future AEC meeting. (Terry Beaudry)*

The Assistant Superintendent advised that information will be provided in the fall of 2016.

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

This Action Item will be discussed at a future AEC Meeting.

6.6 ACTION ITEM: *To identify areas in need and the potential increase in resource budget that is required to cover the identified needs. (Joanne De Guevara)*

This Action Item will be discussed at a future AEC Meeting.

6.7 ACTION ITEM: *To provide updated binder materials for the AEC. (Michelle DesRochers)*

Updated binder materials will be provided to the AEC in the fall of 2016.

Old Business

7. 2016/2017 Preliminary Aboriginal Targeted Budget

The Assistant Superintendent outlined the 2016/2017 Preliminary Aboriginal Targeted Budget of \$3,130,849. With the new line item for Community Cultural Events, the annual funding requests from Westbank First Nation (siya? Celebration), Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society (Annual Aboriginal Career Fair), and Lake Country Native Association (Youth Group Sessions) will not have to come forward to the AEC. (Financial Reports for community cultural events will still be required). During the sub-committee's review of the Elder in Residence program, \$10,000 has been added to research promising Elder Programs as well as provide honourariums to Elders to support the Aboriginal Program for the 2016/2017 year.

Action Item: *To send the Request for Funding form to Kelly L'Hirondelle. (Michelle DesRochers)*

The AEC discussed the Aboriginal Student Awards selection panel and requested that this item be added to a fall 2016 AEC meeting agenda. Further discussion was had on establishing an endowment fund to support the Annual Student Graduation Awards by soliciting local businesses.

Action Item: *To add 'Aboriginal Student Awards Selection Panel' to an AEC meeting in the fall of 2016. (Terry Beaudry)*

Action Item: *To discuss soliciting local businesses for Aboriginal Student Award funding. (AEC)*

The AEC discussed the possibility of allocating funds to identify and address gang activity. The Assistant Superintendent shared that the District has a Safe Schools Committee that addresses these matters as well as the RCMP Liaison Officers in our schools. The AEC requested confirmation on whether or not there is an Aboriginal voice on the Safe Schools Committee and that funds from the Student Leadership budget be allocated to address any potential gang activity.

Action Item: *To confirm whether or not there is an Aboriginal voice on the Safe Schools Committee. (Terry Beaudry)*

M88-16 MOVED by Denise Clough, SECONDED by Dan Wilson
THAT: The 2016/2017 Preliminary Aboriginal Targeted Budget be approved.
CARRIED

New Business

8. Hiring Process – Aboriginal Advocates vs. Aboriginal Education Program Administrative Positions

Jim Colquhoun, Director of Human Resources – Labour Relations, advised the AEC that the recruitment and hiring of the District Principal of Aboriginal Education involves partner group input. However, Aboriginal Program staffing is the responsibility of the District Principal of Aboriginal Education. The District's Human Resources department is involved in advertising positions and providing support to the District Principal during the interview process.

The Superintendent advised the AEC that general staffing updates can be provided; however, specific personnel situations/matters must be dealt with at a District level. Personnel issues may involve union representation, and; therefore, must remain confidential and will not be disclosed to the AEC.

9. Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society - Letter of Appointment

M89-16 MOVED by Roberta Robin Dods, SECONDED by Denise Clough

THAT: The Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society Letter of Appointment be accepted as attached.

CARRIED

10. Principal Designate Roles & Responsibilities

The Assistant Superintendent shared that the Principal Designate roles and responsibilities differ from those of a Principal or Acting Principal as a Principal Designate is a teacher. In the absence of the Principal, a Principal Designate has the authority to deal with day to day affairs. He/She also provides immediate support for emergent issues.

11:15 am – *The Aboriginal Education Council recessed.*

11:23 am – *The Aboriginal Education Council reconvened.*

11. Aboriginal Education Program - Administration Update

The 12th Annual Aboriginal Education Report

The Assistant Superintendent reviewed the 12th Annual Aboriginal Education Report, outlining the progress of Aboriginal students (K-12). Once the report is approved by the AEC, the 12th Annual Aboriginal Education Report will be forwarded to the Board of Education.

The AEC discussed the 12th Annual Aboriginal Education Report and requested two amendments be made on page 12.

Action Item: *To amend page 12 of the 12th Annual Aboriginal Report to reflect a new title "Initiatives and Programs" and delete the second last bullet in the middle of the page. (Michelle DesRochers)*

The AEC would also like to have further discussion regarding the decrease in middle/secondary when it comes to the Physical Goal and the possibility of having Aboriginal specific sports teams. This item will be added to a future AEC meeting.

M90-16 MOVED by Dan Wilson, SECONDED by Roberta Robin Dods

THAT: The 12th Annual Aboriginal Education Report be accepted as amended.

CARRIED

Staffing Update

The Assistant Superintendent advised that the District Principal will be returning to work the second week in June. Two full-time Advocates and one part-time Advocate have recently been hired. There have been several new Advocates over the past year and all job evaluations are up to date. All Secondary tutors do not have Aboriginal ancestry at this time.

Aboriginal Youth and Family Support Workers/Aboriginal Clinical Supervisor Positions

The Assistant Superintendent is aiming to have these two positions in place for the fall of 2016.

Upcoming Cultural and Language Events/Initiatives

The Assistant Superintendent shared that the siya? Celebration is coming up June 3, 2016.

12. Language & Cultural Program Review

The AEC decided that in order to give the sub-committee reviewing the Language and Cultural Program direction, there needs to be a formal motion made.

M91-16 MOVED by Edna Terbasket, SECONDED by Ann Bell

**THAT: A review process to evaluate the efficacy of the Language and Cultural Program be created.
CARRIED**

*Action Item: To relay Motion M91-16 to the Language and Cultural Program Sub-Committee.
(Terry Beaudry)*

13. Aboriginal Curricular Development

The Assistant Superintendent shared that the redesigned curriculum embeds First Peoples Principles of Learning and Indigenous Ways of Knowing. The Central Okanagan School District's Aboriginal Program staff, Instructional Leadership Team, and the Joint Educational Change Committee remain committed to supporting the development and implementation of indigenous curriculum.

The AEC recommended that Indigenous Law be included in the curriculum.

14. After School Programs

The AEC decided that in order to discuss After School Programming in schools, all organizations need to bring to the table what they currently offer. This will allow the AEC to determine gaps and where value can be added.

Action Item: For AEC members to bring a list of the after school programming their organization currently offers to the next AEC meeting. (AEC)

15. Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee – Review of Mandate, Purpose, and Function

This item was deferred to a future AEC meeting.

16. AEC Meeting Dates (2016)

The AEC scheduled the following meetings:

Wednesday, August 31, 2016 at 9:00 am – School Board Office
(Language and Cultural Sub-Committee Meeting after AEC)

Thursday, October 6, 2016 at 9:00 am – WFN Gov't Office – Council Chambers

Thursday, December 1, 2016 at 9:00 am – Hollywood Road Education Services – Room 3

Information Item

17. Finance and Legal Committee Report – April 6, 2016

The Finance and Legal Committee Report – April 6, 2016 was provided.

Updates

18. Upcoming BC Aboriginal Funding Conference – Richmond, BC (September 21-23, 2016)

This item was not discussed.

Future Agenda Items

- After School Programs (August)
- Presentation – Aboriginal Early Literacy Pilot Project
- Aboriginal Student Awards Selection Panel (Fall 2016)
- Aboriginal Education Council – Review Mandate, Purpose, and Function (October)
- Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee – Review of Mandate, Purpose, and Function (October)
- Presentation – Central Okanagan Gang Activity Data (RCMP)
- Aboriginal Recreational Teams
- Language and Cultural Review
- Elder in Residence Programs

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 pm.