



**ABORIGINAL EDUCATION  
COUNCIL MEETING  
HIGHLIGHTS  
December 12, 2018**

**Fraser-Cascade  
Aboriginal Education Council  
Representatives**

**Cathy Speth**  
*Chair*

**Dolores O'Donaghey**  
**Cheryl Davidson**  
**Thelma Florence**  
**Norma Webb**  
**Andy Phillips**  
**Wayne Bobb Sr.**  
**Dana Andrews**  
**Debra Schneider**  
**Diana Stromquist**  
**Amy Charlie**  
**Andy Alex**  
**Pedro Moreno**  
**Sheena Edwards**  
**Leanne Bowcott**  
**Heaven Regnier**  
**Ron Johnstone**  
**Tom Hendrickson**

**SD78 Administration**

**Dr. Karen Nelson**  
*Superintendent of Schools*

**Kevin Bird**  
*Assistant Superintendent*

**Stan Watchorn**  
*Principal, Kent Elementary*

**SD78 Native Education**

**Rod Peters**  
*District Aboriginal Education  
Coordinator*

**Miranda Cowan**  
*Secretary*

**NEXT AEC MEETING:**

**Wednesday, January 16, 2019  
@ 9:00 a.m.  
Board of Education Office**

**REGULAR SESSION**

**Presentations**

Three presentations included Colleen Hodgson presenting and donating Metis educational resources, Carmen Pereda and Byron Spinks demonstrating a newly available community resource kit and Acacia Martin updating the council with Early Years Framework Committee news.

**Business Arising From Previous Minutes**

- **April 24<sup>th</sup> Collaborative Meeting**  
DAEC Peters is coordinating with Senator Sinclair's office to see if he can speak at the April meeting, otherwise it will be a trip to the UBC Residential School History and Dialogue Centre.
- **Proposal Applications**  
FNSWs are submitting proposals with their plans of how to create a more welcoming feeling and sense of belonging in their school. In the new year plans will begin to budget, fundraise and find a local house post carver for schools that do not have a house post.

**New Business**

- **Six Year Completion Rate**  
The SD78 six-year completion rate report was discussed. Graduations rates have gone up in the district and are the highest since 2013.

**Committee Reports**

Minutes or Highlights from each Committee that met during the last month were included in Agenda packages.

- *Siya:ye Yoyes*: Plans are underway for the spring FNSW conference. Next meeting is January 8th 2019.
- *Operations and Facilities*: Seatbelts on buses will be discussed. Meeting will be December 18th, 2018 @ 4:30.
- *Education*: Next meeting is January 22nd, 2019 @ 4:30.
- *Policy Development*: Policies #4033 and #7400 have been updated. Next meeting is January 29, 2019 @ 4:30.
- *Budget Advisory*: January 14th, 2019 @ 4:30.
- *DPAC*: Next Meeting January 9th, 2019 @ HSS.
- *Technology Committee*: Next Meeting January 30<sup>th</sup> 2019 @ 3:30 at KES.
- *Special Education Committee*: Next Meeting to be announced.
- *Careers & Transitions Committee*: Next meeting January 8<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 @ HSS
- *Gifted Education Committee*: Next Meeting to be announced.
- *Pro-D Committee*: DPAC Parent night was changed and will be held on Thursday February 28<sup>th</sup>. Next meeting January 16th, 2019 @ 4:00 at HSS.

**District Coordinator's Report**

- Copies of the DAEC's report were distributed at the meeting.

**Updates and Announcements**

- AEC representatives attended the Port Douglas AGM in Mission and discussed the new Samahquam school in the village of Kalkum.