



**ABORIGINAL EDUCATION
COUNCIL MEETING
HIGHLIGHTS
June 12, 2019**

**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
Pat Large
Leanne Bowcott
Heaven Regnier
Ron Johnstone
Linda Kerr

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, Sept 11, 2019 @
9:00 a.m.
Board of Education Office**

REGULAR SESSION

Presentations: Nlaka'mux Language & Curriculum – Gary Abbott
Aboriginal Mentor – Kristie Peters & Bonnie Millward

Business Arising From Previous Minutes

- **Collaborative Meeting May 22nd**
The rescheduled collaborative meeting was a success. Sonny McHalsie and Isaac Aleck provided an Upriver Place Name tour, and Harrison Eco tours provided the transportation. A tour of the new Cheam Band facilities followed the tour.
- **Ross Road Ad Hoc Committee**
The committee is waiting for the data collection to be analyzed by highways engineers before scheduling another meeting.

New Business

- **AEC 2019/2020 Budget and Aboriginal Mentor Program**
The proposed AEC 2019/2020 budget was approved, as was the Aboriginal Mentor contract. Both had little or no change from the previous year.
- **Aboriginal Youth Leadership Student Selection Process**
Historically students have been chosen to attend the leadership conference based mostly on academics. Students are choosing not to attend the conference because they don't want to miss school so FNSWs would like to offer the opportunity to less academic students who would benefit from attending the conference. The selection process will be reviewed in the fall.
- **Qalatu7Em Community School Visit**
Sylvia Shanoss, the education representative from the Qalatu&Em school community attended the AEC meeting and shared what a positive experience it has been for the community to have the new school, and working with SD78 as well. District staff who attended the tour experienced firsthand what a long, bumpy ride the students were on each day they travelled to school. The students appreciate being able to walk to school and going home for lunch.
- **Election of the Chair and Co-chair**
Cathy Speth was elected, by acclamation, as the AEC chair and Leanne Bowcott was elected by acclamation as Co-Chair.

Committee Reports

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

- *Siya:ye Yoyes:* Next meeting will be September 9th, 2019.
- *Operations and Facilities:* Next meeting will be October 1st, 2019 @ 4:30.
- *Education:* Next meeting is September 24th, 2019 @ 4:30.
- *Policy Development:* Next meeting is October 1st, 2019 @ 4:30.
- *Budget Advisory:* November 25th, 2019 @ 4:30.
- *DPAC:* Next Meeting to be announced.
- *Technology Committee:* Next Meeting to be announced.
- *Special Education Committee:* Next Meeting to be announced.
- *Careers & Transitions Committee:* Next Meeting to be announced.

- *Gifted Education Committee:* Next Meeting to be announced.
- *Pro-D Committee:* Next meeting June 17th, 2019 @ 4:00 at the DEO.

District Coordinator's Report

- Copies of the DAEC's report were distributed at the meeting.
- **Updates and Announcements**
- Boston Bar Aboriginal Day will be held June 19th at Tuckkwiowhum Village.
- The September Meeting package will not be printed.