



**ABORIGINAL EDUCATION
COUNCIL MEETING
HIGHLIGHTS
June 13, 2018**

**Fraser-Cascade
Aboriginal Education Council
Representatives**

Cathy Speth
Chair

Dolores O'Donaghey
Cheryl Davidson
Thelma Florence
Sandra Victor
Norma Webb
Andy Phillips
Wayne Bobb, Sr.
Dana Andrews
Debra Schneider
Diana Stromquist
Amy Charlie
Andy Alex
Margaret Peters
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, September 12,
2018 @ 9:00 a.m.**
Board of Education Office

REGULAR SESSION

Business Arising From Previous Minutes

- **Canoe Magazine Year End Edition**
The final addition has been printed and was distributed at the meeting and throughout the community.
- **FNSW Staffing**
The AESS FNSW position will be posted before the school year ends and if current FNSWs who are on leave are unable to return in the fall those positions will be posted in late August.
- **November 28, 2018 Collaborative Meeting Topic**
Members of the AEC along with some district staff were able to attend a Siya:ye Yoyes trip to the Indian Residential School History and Dialogue Center at UBC. It was decided that travelling as a group by bus to the center would be a good place for the fall Collaborative Meeting.
- **SD78 Graduation Ceremonies**
Over \$200,000 in scholarships and bursaries were awarded to our students district wide.
- **Aboriginal Year-End Honouring Ceremonies**
AEC members were able to attend some of the honouring ceremonies and found that some worked better than others. Some FNSWs will be attending the remaining ceremonies to get ideas and inspiration from their coworkers for next year's ceremonies.

New Business

- **District Wide Orange Shirt Day**
In the upcoming school year the AEC will partner with the SD78 to purchase orange shirts for staff and students to wear as they participate in a united district wide Orange Shirt Day.
- **FNSW Language Support**
It was decided to implement Halq'emeylem Language training for our support workers during their monthly meetings to increase the presence and language fluency in our schools.
- **SD78 MDI/EDI**
A data information session about Early Development Instrument will be offered for stakeholders to learn more about our venerable young students. DAEC Peters has been in contact with the UBC Human Early Learning Partner program and they will be attending a fall AEC meeting to explain how to use EDI and MDI (middle development instrument) data to better serve our students.

Committee Reports

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

- *Siya:ye Yoyes:* The last meeting was held at the UBC History & Dialogue Centre on June 4th.
- *Operations and Facilities:* BBESS will be receiving a playground grant, AESS will be connected to the Kent water supply, HHES will receive a backup generator and Highway One bussing concerns were discussed. Next meeting to be announced.
- *Education:* Next meeting to be announced.

- *Policy Development:* Next meeting to be announced.
- *Budget Advisory:* Next meeting to be announced.
- *DPAC:* Next Meeting June 20th.
- *Technology Committee:* The new district website is up and running, school surveillance cameras are being installed and the launch of Office 365 is ahead of schedule. Next meeting to be announced.
- *Special Education Committee:* A special education pamphlet is under development. Next meeting to be announced.
- *Careers & Transitions Committee:* Plans are underway for next year's Science and Career Fair on May 9th 2019. Next meeting to be announced.
- *Gifted Education Committee:* Next meeting to be announced.
- *Pro-D Committee:* Preparations are underway and this year the Pro-D will be held at HSS on March 1, 2019. Ivan Coyote will be the keynote speaker. Next meeting – September 19th at 4:00 in the boardroom.
- *Ad Hoc Chawathil School Bus Committee* – The May 17th was well attended and the committee felt like their concerns were heard. They are awaiting results of a report being conducted by the highways department.

District Coordinator's Report

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

Updates and Announcements

- *Aboriginal Day – June 21st @ Tuckkwiowhum Village from 10-2:00.*

Discussion

- The possibility of integrating Indigenous Games into school sports day/fun day activities and how that could work.