



**ABORIGINAL EDUCATION
COUNCIL MEETING
HIGHLIGHTS
March 13, 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
Muriel Victor
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, April 10, 2019 @
9:00 a.m.
Board of Education Office**

REGULAR SESSION

Presentations: Jody Shaw spoke about her Thirteenth Year Program at the Mission School District.

Business Arising From Previous Minutes

- **Totems and Homes Kits**
Kits will be ordered for each of the elementary schools, Kent Elementary will order two extra kits so that there is one kit per classroom.
- **BCTEA Transportation Consultation**
The provincial Transportation Agreements template has been released and almost all of the bands have signed the agreement ahead of the provincial deadline.
- **Aboriginal Education & District Pro-D**
Superintendent Nelson reported that there was record breaking attendance at the Ivan Coyote DPAC parent night and also a record number of parents who participated in sessions on March 1st. On April 3rd the committee will start planning for the 2020 district Pro-D.
- **Jordan's Principle**
Chair Speth attended a Jordan's Principle energy session at the Pro-D and found the session too short for everyone to have questions answered. She proposes that a representative from the organization attend and AEC meeting so that the application process is more clear.

New Business

- **Urban Indigenous Liaison Officer**
Corporal Chris Gosselin speaks about this newly created RCMP position and how he sees his role fitting in with SD78 and the surrounding communities.
- **New SD78 Logo Idea**
Trustee Johnstone shows the AEC a draft of the SD78 district logo that would include a canoe to tie in with our communities and the district moto "everyone pulling together." He will work with Representative Brooke Bobb-Reid on the draft and asked for feedback about the image from the AEC.
- **Acknowledgement of Stó:lō & Nlaka'pamux Territory**
Superintendent Nelson is working with the AEC and communities to draft an acknowledgement of traditional territory which to be used in the district. There will be an acknowledgement for each of following areas: Hope schools, Boston Bar school, Agassiz schools and Harrison Hot Springs Elementary.

Committee Reports

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

- *Siya:ye Yoyes:* The spring FNSW conference will be held April 8th which is a professional development day at SD78. Next meeting will be April 1st 2019.
- *Operations and Facilities:* Next meeting will be May 14th, 2019 @ 4:30.
- *Education:* Next meeting is April 23rd, 2019 @ 4:30.
- *Policy Development:* Next meeting is April 30th, 2019 @ 4:30.
- *Budget Advisory:* April 18th, 2019 @ 4:30.
- *DPAC:* Next Meeting May 15th, 2019 in Spuzzum.

- *Technology Committee:* Next Meeting May 1st 2019 @ 3:30 at KES.
- *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 April 3rd, 2019 @ 4:00 at the DEO.

District Coordinator's Report

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

- **Updates and Announcements**

Chawathil Career Fair will be March 27, 2019

The April 24th collaborative meeting will take place at the Indian Residential School History and Dialogue Centre at UBC.

Assistant Superintendent Bird and AEC representatives will have a Goal 2 meeting April 5th @ 1:00 at the DEO.