



**INDIGENOUS EDUCATION
COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS
June 9th, 2021**

**Fraser-Cascade
Indigenous Education
Council
Representatives**

Leanne Bowcott
Chair

Dolores O'Donaghey
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Stacy Ewen
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Heaven Regnier
Heather Stewin
Cathy Speth

SD78 Administration

Balan Moorthy
Superintendent of Schools

Renge Bailie
Assistant Superintendent

Stan Watchorn
Principal, Kent Elementary

**SD78 Indigenous
Education**

Rod Peters
District Indigenous
Education Coordinator

Miranda Cowan
Secretary

NEXT IEC MEETING:

**Wednesday, September
15th, 2021 @ 9:00 a.m.**

REGULAR SESSION

Presentations:

- Bernard Klop updates the IEC with a report about disengaged students and how they are doing. Students are gradually returning to class, some on a part time basis.
- Adrienne Robinson presents about why she would like to see the Indigenous leveled reading program: Under One Sun in CES classrooms and asks the IEC to partner in purchasing class sets for the school. The IEC agrees to help fund the purchase.

Business Arising From Previous Minutes

- **Equity in Action (EIA)**
Superintendent Moorthy reports that the committee worked through guided inquiry questions 9-16. He says they are currently meeting with Indigenous secondary students and ISWs to discuss challenges they have faced at school.
- **IEC Budget 2021/2022**
The 2021/2022 IEC Budget was approved as presented.

New Business

- **Election of IEC Chair and Co-Chair**
A motion was made and approved to defer the elections until September.
- **New SD78 Logo**
Superintendent Moorthy shared images of the new SD78 district logo. The updated logo was created by local Salish artist Bon Graham. The image still has the water/river and mountain component but now also includes a canoe and paddlers to go with the district motto of *everyone pulling together*.
- **AESS Chieftains Logo**
The IEC supports that the AESS Chieftains logo be updated from the current image of an Indigenous Chief. Students will be included in the decision about what the new image will be.
- **Summer Curriculum Postings**
The IEC will once again fund two teachers and two ISWs to create local Indigenous curriculum packages for SD78 teachers over the summer.
- **New Coordinator/Principal Position**
The IEC approves a recommendation to shift from a District Indigenous Education Coordinator to a District Indigenous Principal. The position will be changed when Rod Peters retires and his replacement is hired. The position will be funded jointly with SD78.

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 in September (TBA) by Zoom.

- *Operations and Facilities*: Next meeting will be October 12th.
- *Education*: Next meeting will be October 5th.
- *Policy Development*: Next meeting will be September 28th.
- *Budget Advisory*: Next meeting will be November 29th.
- *DPAC*: Next meeting will be June 2nd by Zoom.
- *Technology Committee*: Next meeting TBA.
- *Inclusive Education Committee*: Next Meeting TBA.
- *Careers & Transitions Committee*: Next Meeting will be September 22nd.
- *Enrichment Education Committee*: Next Meeting TBA.
- *Pro-D Committee*: Next Meeting TBA.

District Coordinator's Report

- Indigenous support workers are planning Indigenous Day activities and SCE has set a date of June 23rd for their house post unveiling. All activities will follow provincial COVID guidelines.

Updates and Announcements

The IEC thanks Rod for his many years of dedication as the District Indigenous Education Coordinator. A retirement honouring will be held at the DEO on June 24th following provincial COVID guidelines.