



**INDIGENOUS EDUCATION
COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS
September 15th, 2021**

**Fraser-Cascade
Indigenous Education
Council
Representatives**

Leanne Bowcott
Chair

Dolores O'Donaghey
Cheryl Davidson
Norma Webb
Sonja Williams
Edith Karacsonyi
Dana Andrews
Debra Schneider
Diana Stromquist
Joyce Leppington
Jessica James
Pedro Moreno
Rose Peters
Stephanie Fredette
Bonnie Nickel
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**

Christine Seymour
*District Principal of
Indigenous Education*

Miranda Cowan
Secretary

NEXT IEC MEETING:

**Wednesday, October 13th,
2021 @ 9:00 a.m.**

REGULAR SESSION

Presentations:

- n/a

Business Arising From Previous Minutes

- **Election of IEC Chair and Co-Chair**

Leanne Bowcott is re-elected as Chair and Stephanie Fredette is elected as Co-Chair.

- **Equity in Action (EIA)**

Superintendent Moorthy reviews the ministry EIA report that lists trends and themes in our Indigenous students and the district. The themes were noted at last year's EIA meetings as well as meetings Superintendent Moorthy held with students and support workers. He also reviewed the board strategic plan and goal 2.

New Business

- **Welcome Christine Seymour & Ken Mackie**

Superintendent Moorthy welcomes Christine Seymour the district's new District Principal of Indigenous Education. Ms. Seymour will be filling the District Indigenous Education Coordinator position that was left vacant after Rod Peters retired last June. Ken Mackie is the new Secretary-Treasurer and will be replacing Natalie Lowe who retired next year.

- **Hybrid/Online Learning**

Superintendent Moorthy says the district has a new school – Fraser-Cascade Open Learning. There are currently 25 students enrolled for online learning. Some students are adults who are upgrading, some are students who will be attending online full time, and some are secondary students who are accessing classes not available at their school. The program will also offer in-person student support.

- **Truth and Reconciliation Day**

The district will recognize Truth and Reconciliation day over the week, from September 27th-29th. District Principal of Indigenous Education Seymour is supporting the support workers and teachers by providing them with resources and ideas for assemblies. The support workers are making orange shirt day buttons and magnets with the students and have planned community walks and blanket exercises.

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 on September 13th by Zoom.
- *Operations and Facilities*: Next meeting will be on October 12th.
- *Education*: Next meeting will be on October 5th.

- *Policy Development*: Next meeting will be on September 28th.
- *Budget Advisory*: Next meeting will be on November 29th.
- *DPAC*: Next meeting will be on October 6th by Zoom.
- *Technology Committee*: Next meeting TBA.
- *Inclusive Education Committee*: Next Meeting TBA.
- *Careers & Transitions Committee*: Next Meeting will be on September 22nd.
- *Enrichment Education Committee*: Next Meeting TBA.
- *Pro-D Committee*: Next Meeting will be on September 22nd.

District Principal of Indigenous Education Report

- District Principal of Indigenous Education Seymour has been visiting schools to meet students and staff as well as visiting communities. She is excited to be working in the district, to be helping our teachers incorporate Indigenous teachings and local knowledge into their lessons and to help and support our language teachers.

Updates and Announcements

N/A