

# ABORIGINAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

## SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 53 (OKANAGAN SIMILKAMEEN)

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### Our Mission

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Enhance students pride through Okanagan culture and traditional ways of learning that will be reflected at all levels in the district so that all students are successful in school and beyond.

**Meeting May 12, 2015 1:00 – 3:00**  
**Hedley- USIB Band Office**

#### **Present: AEAC Members**

Bev Young, Superintendent, Chair

Terrel SESS Jr. Rep

Myrna Coates, Similkameen Trustee

Frieda Prince, LSIB Education Coordinator

Charlotte Mitchell, USIB Education Coordinator

Helen Gallagher, District Teacher for Aboriginal Education

Tyla Harker, Similkameen Ancestry Rep

Colleen Baptiste, OIB Parent Rep.

Kali Gabriel-Baptiste, SOSS Sr. Rep

Lindsey Anderson, OIB Educ .designate

#### **Guests:**

Les Louis, SESS Elem. Support Worker

Naomi ETTY, OK Falls Support Worker

Karlie MacCarthy, OSE/OSS Support Worker

Alanna Waunch, SOSS Support Worker

Lynn Couch-Alaric, TEN Support Worker

Mike Reid, SESS Sec. Support Worker

Marty Marchand-Ring, CPS Support Worker

Sonya Jensen, SOSS Support Worker

Samantha Marsel, OES Support Worker

Lynda Minnabarriet, Secretary-Treasurer SD 53

**Regrets:** Shyanne Piche, OSS Jr. Rep, Scott Tremblay, Administrator-SESS, Lisa McCall, Administrator-OK Falls, Sylvia Slater –SOSTU, Tracy Harrington, Administrator-SOSS,

- 1) Welcome and Opening Prayer – Charlotte Mitchell
- 2) Introductions
- 3) Aboriginal Teacher Update
  - a) “Gateway to Learning” invitation. (see my report) Charlotte suggested that all ONA chiefs be given an invitation.
- 4) Enhancing Aboriginal Learners Network – Aboriginal Principal of Learning incorporated in classrooms, and how do they peak the interest in learning.
- 5) Action Goals : Sorry, I threw away our notes that was on the poster paper during our move. Does anyone have notes on them? What do we want to: 1) start doing? 2) continue doing? 3) stop doing? Culture Camp was one??

- 6) Review of Aboriginal budget with Lynda: 2014-2015 budget was \$1160.00 per student which made the total of \$450,000.00.

Paid for: ASW pay/wage

Language Teacher

Travel

Programs

- place all orders by end of May, include June field trips. Contact Bev-transportation dept. for bus costs. Bus cost is driver \$28.00 an hour and \_\_\_ a km.

- Subra's projections for 2015-2016 will be \$30,000.00 carry forward for next year.

- 7) District open budget meeting, May 13<sup>th</sup> at SBO and Lindsey (?) and Frieda agreed to go.
- 8) FYI- Karen Frezie- Okanagan Nations Alliance runs a program called Kwu xast. Will start in September at SenPokChin.
- 9) Support Workers Round Table Sharing – mention 2 things completed that wasn't mentioned at previous meetings:
- Marty – Trip to Spotted Lake – first time down to the lake and dissected a salmon with her students in science.
- Naomi – Aboriginal Club runs at noon time and speetlum digging with TEN.
- Mike – new band office, tribal elders and speetlum digging.
- Les and Mike –attended Root Feast and ceremony
- Les – High school and elementary 2 ½ projects- drum s and beaded pens
- Lynn – Changing Results for Young Readers
- Sam – use of Aboriginal Room welcome/read/share/talking stick/grade4/5 Okanagan unit
- Alanna – 11/20-2 months drumming and singing with students from Penticton
- Karlie – Culture Center with grade 4s, double ball tourney, McIntyre Bluff hike, drums.
- May 29<sup>th</sup> – OIB Culture Camp. Encourage more participation with your staff.
- Meeting adjourned – 3:00 o'clock.

Next meeting – September 22,2015 @ SBO Annex Building. Support Workers to be there at 8:30 to 12:00 for meeting.