



Aboriginal Education Advisory Council

School District No. 53 (Okanagan Similkameen)

Mission Statement:

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'Enhancing students' pride and success through traditional Okanagan and Similkameen people's ways of learning.'

November 22, 2016

1) Welcome and opening prayer: Marty Marchand-Ring

2) Introductions:

Present: Bev Young – Superintendent, Frances Bens – Okanagan Jr. Rep, Marion Louie – LSIB Education, Peyton Gabriel – Okanagan Sr. rep, Theresa Gabriel – OIB Education Coordinator, Tracy Harrington – Sec Admin rep, Jason McAllister – Elem Admin rep, Shendah Benoit – district principal, Helen Gallagher – district Aboriginal teacher, Asia Terbasket – Similkameen Sr. Rep

Guests: Will Eaton – TEN Admin, Scott Tremblay – SESS Admin, Natasha Schroeder,

ASWs - Taylor Baptiste– OSS & OSES, Les Louis – SESS, Lynn Couch-Alaric – TEN, Marty Marchand-Ring – CPS, Naomi ETTY – OKF, Mike Reid – SESS, Jeremy Crow – SOSS, Alanna Waunch – SOSS

Regrets – Myrna Coates – School Trustee, Charlotte Mitchell – USIB, Karlie Clarke – Metis Rep.,

3) Bev reviewed Shendah and Natasha's role in Aboriginal Education

4) Aboriginal Teacher Report –see attached

5) Aboriginal Support Workers Report: 2 completed and 2 planned activities:

Jeremy and Alanna (SOSS)

1. Parent Club - connect with parents and school
2. Dream Catcher workshop led by student

1. Drumming and singing at lunch
2. Blanket exercise

Lynn (TEN)

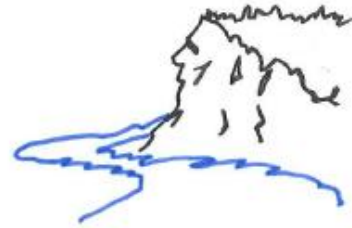
1. Broodstock Tour with 4 classes and primary aboriginal students
2. Story and craft with Pre-school

1. Corn husk wreaths with students
2. Rawhide Xmas ornaments

Naomi (OK Falls)

1. Hides and technology grade 6/7 class
2. Talking sticks/ **drum**

1. Constellation legend
2. Salmon Cycle



- Marty – (CPS)**
1. Visit to band school and attended Deer Feast
 2. Remembrance with band school
1. Talking sticks
 2. Herman Edward in for storytelling

- Taylor - (OSES)**
1. Salmon Cycle
 2. Finger paint
1. Talking sticks
 2. Clarence Louie – governance

- Mike – (SESS- Sec. Side)**
1. Sue Harper –violence/crimes and choices
 2. Career Fair with Don Burnstick as Keynote
1. Band activities - Language on the Land
 2. Girls group starting in February

- Les – (SESS Elem. Side)**
1. Teepee project
 2. LSIB Veterans Poster
1. Okanagan Homes
 2. Double Ball with language

- Sam (OES)**
1. Grade 3 class visit Sen Pok Chin
 2. Grade 4 reading- Neekna and Chemai (moon cycles)
1. Salmon eggs are going to be in school for the first time this year!!

**Suggestion from Bev – student reps bring something to table ie: how they feel about the program, what they would like to see / what they like about program.

- Asia (Similkameen Sr. Rep.)**
- Liked the Career Fair in Penticton
 - Agrees that the Girl Group will be helpful

- Peyton (Okanagan Sr. Rep.)**
- Girls Group is beneficial to the group
 - The Parent Club has started and thinks it would be good for all participants.

- Frances (Okanagan Jr. Rep)**
- Likes the idea of Elders in the Classroom

Asia's response- It would be good to see Elders in office helping with curriculum ie: sharing ideas with art, SS and do presentations in classrooms.

- 6) AIMS** – Tracking system that Kelowna district has developed and a team from our district went up to view it and determine if our district could use it in order to make easier for ASWs to track their students. The program was satisfactory to all and it has been determined that we will purchase it. It is a one-time cost of \$5000.00 and \$1000.00 if we feel we need to have someone from SD #23 to do a workshop for our ASWs.



- 7) Elders in Residence** – Helen and Shendah have been working on a plan to have an Elders in Residence program started in our district. Helen will work with education coordinators and bands to get elders names that may be interested in working 3 times a week in schools. Shendah will set the schedules. We are looking at starting it in February (2nd semester).

- 8) NITEP** - Shendah is looking into getting a Native Indian Teacher Education Program field school started in the South Okanagan. She needs 20 students in order for the program to be implemented in our district. They must be 18 or older.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: February 21, 2017
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