

# 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.

**November 24, 2015**

**Present:**

**Members:**

Bev Young - SD53 Chair, Brooke Tanner- SOSS Jr. Rep., Kali Gabriel-Baptiste-SOSS Sr. Rep., Jay Gabriel - OIB Parent Rep., Frieda Prince-LSIB Educ. Coordinator, Dave Foster- Elem. Admin. Rep., Tracy Harrington-Sec. Admin. Rep, SESS Jr. Rep., Tyrell Allison – SESS Sr. Rep., Gloria Bent – LSIB Elder,

**Guests:**

Naomi ETTY-OK Falls Support Worker, Marty Marchand-Ring-CPS Support Worker & Language Instructor, Mike Reid-SESS Sec. Support Worker, Les Louis-SESS Elem. Support Worker & Language Instructor, Karlie Clarke-OSS & OSES Support Worker, Sonya Jensen-SOSS Support Worker, Lynn Couch-Alaric-TEN Support Worker, Sam Marsel OES Support Worker, Scott Tremblay – SESS Admin., Mike Safek-OSS Admin., Lisa McCall – OK Falls Admin.

**Regrets:**

Charlotte Mitchell-USIB Educ. Coordinator, Theresa Gabriel-OIB Educ. Coordinator

**1) Opening Prayer:** Gloria Bent

**2) Introductions**

**3) Aboriginal Teacher Update:** Sent out Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>

**4) Support Workers Round Table Highlights:**

- **Lynn – TEN-** New room being painted now, Food Chief Renewal of flags and banners and the OIB chief and council, media were there to participate in the celebration. Chief and council served the foods to the students.
- **Sonya – SOSS** -Students sang at Remembrance Day ceremony and was joined by a couple of students from TEN.
- **Karlie – OSS** – Working in a class with Restorative Justice. The teacher reading Spirit Bear and the Justice Institute will come in and do an exercise with class.
- **Karlie -OSES** – Had a Food feast and Leon Louis, a storyteller, came in and shared stories and some protocols for Aboriginal students. Working on getting a fish tank approved by ONA so they can participate in the Fry Program.
- **Les – SESS Elem.-** promoting artists so they can hang their artwork in hallways to promote a sense of belonging .

- **Mike – SESS Sec.** – working with at risk students and in classes where there are high aboriginal numbers in classes.
- **Marty – CPS** – took students to the Ochre Bluffs and was joined by Princeton SW and class. The Aboriginal Principal for Merritt district also joined us on the trip. We had about 80 students all together and they were well behaved.
- **Naomi – OK Falls** – decorating new classroom.

Reminder - February 5<sup>th</sup> – Okanagan Days at Osoyoos Elementary School this year. Meeting set up to make the plans and invitations will go out before the break.

**5) Draft EA Goals** – The goals have been combined and made into 4 goals. See handout. Helen has written up the support workers school plans on the work they do to support the EA. Members paired up and discussed the draft. Comments were provided regarding numbering, the inclusion of StrongStart in the role of Support Workers and how we can support kindergarten readiness. At the next meeting Helen will match up the goals with the work supported by the support workers activities.

**6) Budget-**

- 3 hours has been added to Oliver Elementary School and the rest stayed the same. OK Falls remained the same although they went down in numbers.
- The Aboriginal budget has received \$80,000.00 and \$490,000.00 (78%) is spent on staffing. 22% is spent on supplies, Language and Culture.
- The Residential School workshop costs for TOCs was taken from the district’s operating budget and the resources needed to support the Residential School curriculum were taken out of each of the school’s budget.

**Next Meeting** : February 16<sup>th</sup> - 1:00 to 3:00 **Venue:** Cawston Primary School.