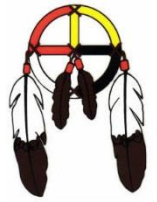


**Aboriginal Education Advisory Council
School District No. 53 (Okanagan Similkameen)**



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

**Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee Meeting
November 18, 2014 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
Cawston Primary School**

Present:

AEAC Members:

Kali Gabriel-Baptiste, Sr. Rep SOSS	Jim Insley, Assistant Superintendent, Chair
Shy-Anne Piche, Jr. Rep OSS	Kelaya Allison-Squakin, Sr. Rep SESS
David Foster, Administrator OSE	Colleen Baptiste, OIB Parent rep
Myrna Coates, School Trustee	Helen Gallagher, Dist. Teacher for Aboriginal Education
Tyla Harker, Sim Ancestry Parent rep.	Taylor Baptiste, OIB Education Coordinator (temp)
Frieda Prince, LSIB Education Coordinator	Chief Charlotte Mitchell, USIB Education Coordinator
Tyrell Allison, Jr. Rep SESS	Sharon Wilson, LSIB Rep
Lindsay Anderson, OIB Rep	

Guests:

Michael Reid, SESS (sec.) Support worker	Tracy Harrington, Administrator SOSS
Naomi ETTY, OKF Support worker	Lisa McCall, Administrator OKF
Karlie MacCarthy, OSS/OSE Support worker	Sonya Jensen, SOSS Support worker
Scott Tremblay, Administrator SESS	Samantha Marsel, OES Support worker
Marty Marchand-Ring, CPS Support worker	Linda Thiel, Administrator CPS
Bev Young, Superintendent	

Regrets: Mike Safek – Administrator Rep

Special Guests: Wendy Kennard, Annie Reinhart, Rod Kit, Sharon Piazza, Glen Heinrichs

1. Welcome: Jim Insley
2. Opening Prayer: Marty Marchand-Ring
3. Introductions
4. District Career Program Update from Rod Kitt. Please see attachment.
5. Aboriginal Hub presentation from Wendy Kennard (Penticton and District Community Services Society) and Annie Reinhart (Facilitator): the USIB, LSIB, OIB and PDCRS applied for one of 12 \$50,000 provincial pilot grants to implement this "mobile" hub. The hub will work with young families and children to connect them with available services. This is one of two Aboriginal pilots in the province. It will be evaluated after one year with the possibility of receiving 5 years of funding if successful.
6. Glen Heinrichs (principal) and Sharon Piazza (teacher) of YouLearn.ca presented a new Grade 10 Native Dance course they are developing. This course is to allow students who do pow wow dancing to receive credit for their work. Once developed, the course will be screened by the District Curriculum Implementation Committee and then by elders group and AEAC. If approved, it will then go to the Board of Trustees for approval.
7. Update from District Teacher:
 - a) Pow wow – as in past years, fund raisers will be dinner and loonie auctions. The first will be the Similkameen one at SESS on December 3rd at 5:30 in the cafeteria. The Oliver one will be on

February 11th at 5:30 at the OIB community hall and the Osoyoos one will be on March 11th at 5:30 at the N'kmip Campground. The OK Falls one is yet to be determined.

- b) Aboriginal Graduation: will be held on June 16th at Frank Venables Theatre (SOSS). All regular graduations (except YouLearn) are being held on June 25th. The facility is booked from 3:00 to 9:00.
 - c) Aboriginal support worker in-service: was held on November 14th at Tuc-el-Nuit Elementary School. Jim reviewed the roles and expectations of Aboriginal support worker. We had a “round the table sharing” with each worker sharing two things that are happening in their schools and one new thing that was started this year. We also shared issues and concerns. We then shared ideas for new art and crafts for the students to make. In the afternoon, we had Tony Pulido and Kx Hall teach us how to play stick games and some songs. It was a successful day.
 - d) Grade 4 curriculum: a workshop will be held for two new teachers. An invitation will be sent to Boundary and Nicola Similkameen districts.
 - e) Cultural awareness: a new committee will be formed this year. Helen Gallagher will request one elementary teacher, one secondary teacher, two Aboriginal support workers and one secondary administrator (Dave Foster) to be on it. We are going to be looking at a culture camp model, which was successful in Nicola Similkameen (SD 58). Meetings will be called soon.
 - f) Okanagan Language: Helen will approach Tammy Allison and see if she'd be interested in teaching an introductory Okanagan language program at two schools for a 10-12 week period. A curriculum (outline) will need to be developed.
 - g) Okanagan Similkameen Days: will be at SESS this year on February 12th. Elementary students from SESS and CPS and all grade 4s in the district and the band schools will be invited. Our Aboriginal support workers will be key resource people.
 - h) Residential school curriculum: is going to be mandatory province wide as soon as the revisions are completed, which should be in early 2015. As a part of this, we are proposing an “Honoring the Residential School Survivors” dinner and information night to share the curriculum with survivors and to prevent any upsets and surprises. This is a very sensitive issue in many of our communities, so Helen will work with the Aboriginal support workers and the band education coordinators to plan. If you have concerns, please contact Helen.
 - i) Circle of Life Series: council approved the district buying the second set of this series for all the elementary schools who bought the first set of books last year. One school will get the first set. The feedback I'm getting from the schools is positive as teachers are utilizing the books and the students are really enjoying them.
8. Mission Statement translation – Please see attachment, will try to get this onto the letterhead. Note, we will also work on the clarity!
 9. AEAC student reps trip: The Aboriginal Achievement Awards and Youth Career Fair are being held in Calgary this year on February 26 and 27. The council approved taking our 4 student reps to it. The cost would be around \$5000. Permission slips and information to the parents. Helen will start planning with the student reps.
 10. School Service Plans: Each school shared some highlights of their service plan. These are attached for your information.

11. Revised Budget: Jim reported that due to the teacher strike, we had a surplus of \$23,000 from last year. We also had 18 more students than projected. As a result, the council approved a revised budget which included:
 - additional hours for support workers at Osoyoos Secondary, Osoyoos Elementary and Oliver Elementary due to significant student number increases (\$3500)
 - Culture Camp initiative (\$15,000)
 - New Okanagan Language Unit instruction (\$6000)
 - Okanagan Similkameen Days (\$8000)
 - 0.1 FTE to District Aboriginal Teacher position (Helen) (\$8200)
 - Additional funds for school supply accounts (\$10,000)
12. Helen will chair future meetings and will be supported by Bev Young as Jim has announced his retirement effective February 1, 2015. Jim expressed his appreciation for the excellent work of the AEAC and wishes them and the district great success in the future. lim limpt
13. Next Meeting: February 17, 2014, 1:00 to 3:00 at OIB Community Hall (lunch served at 12:15)

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