



Indigenous 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.’

Agenda – Tuesday November 19, 2024 **Location – Conference Room Student Support Services**

Lunch – 12:15 PM

Meeting Begins – 1:00 PM

Territory Acknowledgement – Brad Burns

Song/Prayer – Helen Gallagher

Meeting Minutes – Brad Burns

Agenda Items:

1. Introductions

Brad Burns – District VP of Indigenous Education; Marcus Toneatto – Superintendent of Schools; Gloria Bent – LSIB Elder; Marion Louie – LSIB Education Coordinator; Naryn Searcy – Director of Learning and Inquiry; Cecelia Louis-Ralston – USIB Education Coordinator; Ramona Bent – OIB Education Coordinator; Jessica Stelkia – District Graduation Coach; Ronnie McGinnis – OIB Council Member; Charlotte Mitchell – USIB Elder; Collen Jaycna - Métis Nation of BC Ministry of Education Early Learning K-12; Silvia Stelkia – Indigenous Education Advocate Osoyoos Elementary and Tuelnuit; Helen Gallagher – District Teacher for Indigenous Education; Shannon Miller – Principal Tuelnuit School

2. Council (IEC) Terms of Reference (Bill 40) – Brad Burns and Naryn Searcy

- Items that were shared to the IEC prior to the meeting include:
 - SD 53’s previous Terms of Reference document
 - Ministry of Education and Child Care IEC Template Terms of Reference
 - Ministry of Education and Child Care Questions and Answers for Indigenous Education Councils document
- PowerPoint was presented from Naryn to highlight the new Terms of Reference
 - As presented

- Question raised with regards to using the word “Indian” instead of government terms used to describe
 - Voting members for the IEC
 - 2 members from each of the 3 First Nations Bands and 1 voting member for Metis
 - USIB – Charlotte and Cecelia
 - LSIB – Marion and Gloria
 - OIB – Ramona and Ronnie
 - Metis – Colleen
 - Establishing who may attend meeting for the voting members if they cannot attend
 - Each of the First Nations can appoint/send a member in their place
 - Process to do so will be left with each of the First Nations
 - Once selected the name(s) will be sent to the IEC to inform the group prior to the meeting
 - Establishing a Chair and Vice-Chair
 - Group has chosen to have Brad Burns stay on as the Chair of the IEC
 - Helen Gallagher was voted in as the Vice-Chair
 - Can be amended at any time moving forward
 - Establishing Quorum
 - 1 representative from each of the 4 groups must be present
 - Alternates/proxy
 - Meetings Per Year
 - 4 meetings per year
 - Dates will be sent out at the start of the year to hold in calendars
 - Decision-Making Process
 - Currently strive to reach a high consensus of the whole group, but if necessary, decisions may be made by a simple majority (50%+1)
 - Conflict of Interest Procedures
 - Currently there is no procedure within the IEC
 - Honorarium for Elders
 - Question came from the group about honorariums for Elders
 - Can come from the IEC budget
 - Once the funding does not continue then money comes from targeted funds
 - \$400 full day and \$200 for half a day
 - Motion made and passed
 - Amendments for the Terms of Reference can be made at any time
3. District Indigenous Learning Administrator Update – Brad Burns
- a. Student Success Plan Meetings
 - b. Report from OMRIE Wellness Conference – November 4-5 @ Salmon Arm
 - c. Advocate Training/Learning Sessions

- d. Indigenous Grad Update - Ashnola Pow Wow Grounds May 21, 2025 @ 5:00 PM
- e. Orange Shirt Day
- 4. Advocates Report – Silvia Stelkia
 - As presented
 - Advocate Reports: (guideline advocates are given for reporting)
 - How are the kids doing?
 - Report on one thing that you have been working on within your Advocate capacity
 - Report on something that you are working on/working towards/going to implement
- 5. Student Reps Report – Silvia Stelkia
 - Student Rep Reports Focus Questions:
 - o How is it going at the school since the last meeting?
 - o Highlights
 - o What would they like to see happen in the schools? What changes? What is your “realistic” wish list?
- 6. Grad Coach Report – Jessica Stelkia
 - As presented
 - 39 Indigenous Grads between the three high schools
- 7. District Teacher for Indigenous Education Report – Helen Gallagher
 - As presented

Additional Items:

- I. Pow Wow Date April 25-26th @ SESS
- II. Fundraisers December 11th Loonie Auction @ SESS
- III. Schedule Future Meeting Dates
 - a. January 21 @ LSIB Downtown Office
 - b. March 4th @ OIB Council Chambers
 - c. May 1st @ USIB Community Hall

Adjournment

- Motion for Adjourn
 - o Colleen

Next Meeting: Tuesday January 21 @ LSIB Downtown Office