



Indigenous Education 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 January 21, 2025 Location – LSIB Downtown Office Keremeos

Lunch – 12:15 PM

Meeting Begins – 1:00 PM

Territory Acknowledgement – Shannon Miller

Song/Prayer – Helen Gallagher

Meeting Minutes – Naryn Searcy

Agenda Items:

1. Introductions:

Gloria Bent – LSIB Elder; Marion Louie – LSIB Education Coordinator;
Cecelia Louis-Ralston – USIB Education Coordinator; Shannon Peltier – OIB Education Coordinator; Veronica McGinnis – OIB Council Member; Matilda Allison-LSIB Executive Assistant; Colleen Jaycna - Métis Nation of BC Ministry of Education Early Learning K-12; Marcus Toneatto – Superintendent of Schools; Naryn Searcy – Director of Learning and Inquiry; Brenda Doroz-SD53 Trustee; Naomi Etty – Indigenous Education Advocate Osoyoos Secondary; Helen Gallagher – District Teacher for Indigenous Education; Brad Burns – District VP of Indigenous Education; Shannon Miller – Principal Tuc el nuit School, Stacey Smith-Principal SESS

Regrets: Charlotte Mitchell-USIB Elder, Jessica Stelkia-SD53 Indigenous Graduation Coach

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

- Review of revisions made to Terms of Reference at Nov. 22nd meeting
- Discussion of removal of bullet point re: IEC monitoring implementation of Enhancement Agreement
- Consensus to remove the bullet point as Enhancement Agreement has expired and districts moving towards focusing on LEAs

- Discussion and consensus to combine 6th and 10th bullet points under “Council’s Role” into one statement
 - Discussion on ways to ensure that all staff members in the district are learning about local Indigenous Culture
 - Discussion of creative ways to continue to provide opportunities for all staff to engage in professional learning about local Indigenous culture
 - Consensus to add “No SD53 employee or trustee can be a voting member of the IEC” to the Terms of Reference under “IEC Members”
 - Shannon Peltier is the new voting member for OIB (replacing Ramona Bent)
3. Review of the Standing Items for IEC Meetings – Brad Burns
- No opposition voiced to the general standing items (Intros, Indigenous Education Update, IEC Budget Update, Advocates’ Report, Student Reps’ Report, Graduation Coach’s Report, District Teacher for Indigenous Education’s Report)
 - Request to have minutes from the previous IEC meeting approved at the beginning of the next meeting- consensus reached
 - Request to have “Action Items” added to agenda/minutes (a continual list)- consensus reached
4. District Indigenous Education Update – Brad Burns
- As presented
5. IEC Budget Update – Naryn Searcy
- \$705.52 spent to date
 - \$79,150.48 remaining (Year 1 Funding)
 - Form will be created for an honorarium
 - Criteria for honorarium is that it is for a voting member, and the member is not being paid during their time at the IEC meeting
 - Honorarium is \$200.00 (based on rate for ½ day decided by consensus at Nov. 22, 2024 meeting)
 - A voting member may choose to apply for both the honorarium and mileage for the meeting.
6. How Are We Doing (HAWD) Report – Naryn Searcy
- As presented (Grade 4 Literacy and Numeracy, Grade 7 Literacy and Numeracy, 5-Year Completion Rates, 6-Year Completion Rates)
 - Discussion of impact of student IEP supports being implemented, the impact of technology, the impacts of Covid, the focus on early literacy intervention by the Ministry of Education, the focus on intermediate numeracy by the District, the impact on challenges in earlier years (Grades 1-10) on eventual completion rates in grade 12
7. Advocates’ Reports – Naomi Etty (for Mike Reid)
- As presented

8. Student Reps' Reports – Naomi Etty (for Mike Reid)
 - As presented
9. Grad Coach Report –Helen Gallagher (for Jessica Stelkia)
 - As presented
10. District Teacher for Indigenous Education Report – Helen Gallagher
 - As presented

Action Items:

- Naryn will send out updated IEC Terms of Reference with today's revisions to voting members, and once they have approved the terms she will forward to the Ministry.
- Minutes of previous IEC meetings will be approved at the next meeting
- Instead of the same 2 SD53 administrators (elementary rep and secondary rep) coming to every IEC, it will be administrators from the community where the IEC is being held (will be confirmed at admin association meeting)
- Add item to next IEC agenda (March 4) to discuss language in the schools and ways to recruit/retain language teachers
- Naryn will create a form to request an honorarium and bring it to the next meeting

Standing Additional Items:

- I. Powwow @ SESS (Date to be confirmed)
- II. Powwow Fundraisers
 - a. January 16 @ SESS (Most funds raised ever at this event!)
 - b. February 13 @ SOSS (Valentine's Theme)
 - c. February 20 @ OSS (Osoyoos Campground)
- III. Indigenous Grad May 21st 5:00 PM @ Ashnola Powwow Grounds
- IV. Schedule for Future Meeting Dates
 - a. March 4th @ OIB Council Chambers (12:15 for lunch)
 - b. May 1st @ USIB Community Hall

Adjournment

- Motion to Adjourn @ 3:09 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday March 4th @ OIB Council Chambers