



Aboriginal Education Council Report

May 17, 2017

Aboriginal Education Council Partner Groups Attendees:

Bertha Landrie, MNGV; Kathleen King-Hunt, District Principal (Chair); Candace Donnelly, STA; Virginia Treadwell, Island Metis Family and Community Services Society; Alli Matchett, Camosun College; Charla Huber, Makola Group of Societies; Chief Russell Chipps, Scia'new Nation; David Strange, Assistant Superintendent

Guests: Leslie Morison, Aboriginal Education secretary, Marlys Denny, Aboriginal Education Curriculum Coordinator; Kerry Arnot, Principal Sooke Elementary POL classes; Megan Wood; Aboriginal Literacy/ESD Secondary Teachers; Stephanie Hedley-Smith, John Stubbs School, Jim Cambridge, Superintendent

1.0 Year End Aboriginal Education Presentations

- 1.1 Marlys Denny, Aboriginal Curriculum Coordinator Teacher presented the organization and number of presentation booked by classroom teachers. May 30th is the last day to host a role model from the Aboriginal Education department. Schools can book and pay honouraria from school funds into June.
- 1.2 Kerry Arnot, Principal Sooke Elementary presented year two grade four and grade five Principals of Learning, P.O.L., land base learning connected to World Views of T'Sou-ke Nation sharing stories of the success on individual learners, mentorship learning within the school and beyond with inter-school learning between elementary, middle, secondary, as well as, community connections. Sooke Elementary is appreciative of the board approval two years ago to provide a program striving for equity and reconciliation with the seamless program.

2.0 A.E.C. Sharing by partner groups

- 2.1 In May at the Professional Development Day – through our Local Aboriginal Specialists Association had a workshop presenting Coast Salish Moons, which was well attended. The second workshop was by Cowichan Tribes, Della Sylvester's plant walk class which was fully attended and feedback was positive.

3.0 BCSTA AGM

- 3.1 The AGM reported 38 motions including nine Indigenous motions two from Sooke SD Trustees
 - 3.1.1 'The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as the Framework for Reconciliation
 - 3.1.2 A National Statutory Holiday Honouring the First Nations, Inuit and Metis Peoples of Canada.

4.0 Aboriginal Education 2017-2018

- 4.1 Self-Identification form approved by the AEC replacing the previous years' consent form. All schools to send home in registration packages.
- 4.2 2017- 2018 ESD teacher/student ratio is 1:54.
- 4.3 Acknowledgement to Elder Linda Bristol at EMCS for role contributions this school year. All the best in future endeavors. A new T'Sou-ke Nation elder will be recommended by the Nation.

5.0 National Aboriginal Day

- 5.1 *2017 West Shore Aboriginal Day* is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at West Shore Parks & Rec Lower Fields.
- 5.2 *The Beecher Bay First Nation and the District of Metchosin Reconciliation Celebration* starting at 4 p.m.

6.0 Aboriginal Graduation

- 6.1 May 27th at Na'tsa'maht venue Camosun College.
- 6.2 Partner group generous donations received \$7,333.74. AEC and Grad Team signed in-house designed Hych'ka cards.
- 6.3 A fundraiser auction to be held at the event this year.