

## **ABORIGINAL EDUCATION COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES**

A TEAMS meeting of the Aboriginal Education Council was called to order at 1:00 pm on Monday, September 14, 2020.

**Present:** Laurie Larsen (Board of Education Chairperson, SD #36), Jordan Tinney (Superintendent, SD #36), Lyn Daniels (Director of Instruction, Aboriginal Learning, SD #36 - Chair), Chief Harley Chappell (Semiahmoo First Nation), Denton Muir (SPVPA), Debra Merrier (CUPE), Kelly Tymich (parent) and Michelle Reitsma (FRAFCA)

**Absent:** Métis Nation BC designate, Chief Grace George (Katzie First Nation), Kekinow Native Housing Society designate and Jacquie King (STA)

**Guests:** Neder Dhillon (Acting Assistant Superintendent, SD #36), Gordon Powell (District Principal, Aboriginal Learning, SD #36) and Shelley Saje Ricci

#### **1. Welcome and Acknowledgment**

#### **2. Approval of Agenda:**

**Moved:** Chairperson Laurie Larsen

**Seconded:** Kelly Tymich

**Carried**

#### **3. Approval of Minutes from May 12, 2020 Meeting:**

**Moved:** Chairperson Laurie Larsen

**Seconded:** Debra Merrier

**Carried**

#### **4. Community Updates:**

##### **i. Semiahmoo First Nation**

Chief Harley reported that:

- most families have sent their children back to school;
- Semiahmoo First Nation bought iPads for all their students;
- Semiahmoo First Nation and the City of Surrey have partnered to do a museum exhibit in October (around the 15<sup>th</sup>);

- families will be followed up on in a few weeks and a health plan will be created.
- ii. **Katzie First Nation (no designate present)**  
Lyn reported on the blended transition model for Katzie First Nation students in Grades K to 10 at the Tetotun Wellness Centre on Barnston Island.
  - iii. **Kelly Tymich (Parent)**  
Kelly shared that her daughter graduated in June 2020 and won a \$5,000 scholarship that she is using towards further education at KPU in the Human Resources program.

Chief Harley asked what school liaisons would look like with the new municipal police department coming into effect. Jordan Tinney stated that this could be a separate conversation between Chief Harley and himself in the future.

#### **5. Surrey Schools Re-start Plan**

Gordon provided an update on how Aboriginal Learning will support Aboriginal Learners and their families this school year.

Jordan Tinney asked Chief Harley for any thoughts on the naming ceremony for the new school (Ta ta lew) and what role the AEC can take on amid social distancing concerns. Chief Harley expressed that he felt there could be some kind of social distancing naming ceremony at the site and a press release. It will be further discussed.

#### **6. What supports are needed?**

Lyn asked if there are any supports needed that Aboriginal Learning is not aware of. No feedback was provided.

#### **7. Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 pm.