



# ABORIGINAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

## School District No. 57 (Prince George)

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## Aboriginal Education Committee Meeting Minutes

SEPTEMBER 10, 2018

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE  
BOARDROOM

<b>MEETING CHAIR</b>	Holly Pastoral
<b>RECORDER</b>	Pamela Holat
<b>OPENING PRAYER</b>	Victor Jim

<b>OPENING:</b>	<p><b>Meeting started at 11:00 am.</b></p> <p>Chairperson acknowledged the traditional territory of Lheidli T'enneh Band and the McLeod Lake Indian Band on which SD57 resides and works on.</p>
<b>ITEM 1: APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b>	<p><b>As there was no quorum for this meeting all approvals were tabled until the November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.</b></p>
<b>ITEM 3: STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD</b>	<p>Members present discussed the standing committees of the Board.</p> <p>Community members expressed uncertainty regarding what voice to bring to the standing committee meetings.</p> <p>SD57 reassured the community representatives that it is okay to listen and observe for the first few meetings and to offer a personal perspective once they are more comfortable being at the meetings.</p>



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The opportunity for the Aboriginal Education Committee to have a seat at these standing committees allows us to give our perspective and input when decisions are being made that will impact our Aboriginal students.

SD57 gave a brief explanation of what each of the committees discuss.

The Education Programs and Planning Committee reviews curriculum, brings forward the strategic plan to the Board of Education for approval, submits our report to the ministry, and looks at how to improve grad rates. A representative from this committee can bring forward any recommendations or matters our committee feels strongly about.

The Education Services Committee looks at capacity in our various buildings such as where some programs are offered, how to accommodate our student numbers in catchment areas as well as our five year capital plan is determined at these meetings.

The Policy and Governance Committee meets regarding policy and once policies are approved they become the way our school district does business. Our stakeholders at this table bring forward concerns and input as to how a certain policy or draft policy will have and what kind of implications it will have on the people they represent. As we work through the piloting of the positive attendance approach, we are hoping this year with the CLA and ABED leadership it could eventually form our attendance policy district wide. Our experience of discussing how it is going will be important for this committee to take forward to the policy and governance committee.

The Expanded Committee of the Whole (2 meetings in April) that is the budget review process so that is an opportunity for stakeholders to bring a voice to setting priorities for where any surplus dollars that could be spent if and when there is surplus.

The Calendar Committee is 2 meetings per year to finalize calendar dates for the upcoming school years. This is another opportunity for stakeholders to provide input about any purposed calendar dates that will not work for their respective groups.

Meetings are all held from 4 – 6 pm at the school board office. Each



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	<p>committee is chaired by a trustee. Members at this table can decide whether to send the same person to one meeting for the year or to share or rotate the job. There are agendas provided before the meetings which tend to be less formal than a board meeting.</p> <p><b>Chairperson asked the recording secretary to work together to have our committee members attend these other committee meetings.</b></p>
<p><b>ITEM 5: AEC MEMBERSHIP EXPANSION</b></p>	<p><b>The next steps to recruit additional members for our Ab. Ed. Committee were discussed.</b></p> <p>SD57 explained that the PGDTA is in the process of deciding who their two teacher representatives for our committee will be. The PGVPPA is also in the same process and will advise us as to whom their representatives will be.</p> <p>SD57 asked the recording secretary to contact the potential Métis representative that the District Principal of Ab. Ed contacted in June. The recording secretary will also check in to see if there are any Elders from the Elders Advisory Council to sit on this committee as well.</p> <p>Student representatives from the District Student Advisory Council are not yet available because the council is still being assembled. By November there should be a council ready to decide who would like to sit on our committee from their committee.</p> <p>The Vice-Chair of the Board of Education will be decided in October after the election a trustee should be assigned to this committee by November 5<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>An additional parent/guardian representative is needed. SD57 requested the recording secretary to put together a small publication for schools to add to their newsletters asking for letters of interest from parents/guardians and go from there.</p>



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<p><b>ITEM 6:</b></p> <p><b>HOW TO IMPROVE GRAD RATES / STEERING COMMITTEE</b></p>	<p>By November SD57 should have an update on the new attendance process. The notion of a steering committee can be discussed at the next meeting too. As a district we appreciate and welcome work being done in that area throughout our Indigenous community. SD57 is eager for ideas from our Aboriginal stakeholders on what needs to be done. What will help? Will strong literacy and numeracy help? Advice from the Indigenous community around how we engage our families to continue to support their students from K – 12 is going to be key. High expectations are critical from the school and from the families as well. All Aboriginal parents that we have met have those high expectations. How can we forge a stronger relationship to get our Aboriginal students into post-secondary?</p> <p>SD57 wants to know how to do it better. The steering committee can bring advice to this committee, our strategic plan committee and to ECOW every June and November.</p>
<p><b>ITEM 6:</b></p> <p><b>AB. ED. DEPT INTERIM REPORTING STRUCTURE</b></p>	<p>SD57 provided a diagram of the interim reporting structure for the Aboriginal Education Department. By November we will have more information regarding the reporting structure. The District Administrator of Ab. Ed. is currently on a leave and our District Aboriginal Education Principal is retired. Currently the Assistant Superintendents and the Superintendent are overseeing the work done in the Aboriginal Education Department. Where and when there is any change, we will update this committee.</p>
<p><b>ITEM 7:</b></p> <p><b>AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING</b></p>	<p><b>Items for next agenda will be matters that have been tabled at the last two meetings.</b></p>
<p><b>CLOSING:</b></p>	<p><b>Meeting comes to an end at 12:11 pm.</b></p>



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<b>IN ATTENDANCE:</b>		
MARILYN MARQUI-FORSTER SUPERINTENDANT SD57	CINDY HEITMAN ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT SD57	VICTOR JIM ABORIGINAL DISTRICT PRINCIPAL SD57
HOLLY PASTORAL PARENT REPRESENTATIVE CHAIRPERSON	SHANNON SKULSH PARENT REPRESENTATIVE	PAMELA HOLAT RECORDING SECRETARY SD57
<b>ABSENCES:</b>		
CLAYTON POUNTNEY LHEIDLI T'ENNEH BAND COUNCILLOR (REGRETS)	JAYDE DURANLEAU MCLEOD LAKE INDIAN BAND COUNCILLOR (REGRETS)	KERRIE SECOR PARENT REPRESENTATIVE (REGRETS)
NEVIO ROSSI ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT SD57 (REGRETS)	TRISH PERRIN SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE (REGRETS)	VINCENT JOSEPH EDUCATION COORDINATOR LHEIDLI T'ENNEH BAND (REGRETS)
ELDER REPRESENTATIVE (VACANT)	ELDER REPRESENTATIVE (VACANT)	MCLEOD LAKE INDIAN BAND ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE (VACANT)
ELDER REPRESENTATIVE ALTERNATE (VACANT)	MÉTIS REPRESENTATIVE (VACANT)	MÉTIS REPRESENTATIVE ALTERNATE (VACANT)
<p><b>ADJOURNMENT: 12:00 PM</b></p> <p><b><u>NEXT MEETING</u></b></p> <p><b>DATE: NOVEMBER 5, 2018</b></p> <p><b>TIME: 10:30 AM</b></p> <p><b>PLACE: SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 57 ADMINISTRATION OFFICE PARSNIP ROOM</b></p>		