

Aboriginal Education Committee School District No. 57 (Prince George)

Purpose of the Aboriginal Education Committee

1. The Aboriginal Education Committee and School District No 57 Board of Education accept the responsibility inherent in the mission of the British Columbia Ministry of Education Policy on Aboriginal Education. They acknowledge the traditional territories of the Lheidli T'enneh Band and McLeod Lake Indian Band and the Simpcw First Nation on which School District No. 57 resides on. They recognize the importance of having all students achieve success in the context of intellectual, physical, emotional, and spiritual areas. They are committed to working collaboratively to support, enhance and increase the academic, social and emotional success of all Aboriginal students.
2. It is a shared philosophy that Aboriginal languages, cultures, knowledge and history must form an integral part of School District No. 57.
3. School District No. 57 Board of Education and the Aboriginal Education Committee recognize the importance of working collaboratively with other First Nations, Métis, and Inuit communities (FNMI) to support implementation of Local Education Agreements (LEA's) with the Lheidli T'enneh Band and the McLeod Lake Indian Band.
4. The Aboriginal Education Committee will work collaboratively to support the Board of Education, the Aboriginal Education Department and schools in communicating with Lheidli T'enneh Band and the McLeod Lake Indian Band.

Aboriginal Education Committee Membership

Community Committee Members:

1. One representative (Chief/Council) from Lheidli T'enneh Band.
2. One representative (Chief/Council) from McLeod Lake Indian Band.
3. Four Parents/Guardians off reserve (First Nations, Métis or Inuit) whose child(ren) are identified on the current school district Aboriginal student demographic list. (2 elementary, 2 secondary).
4. One representative from the Métis community.
5. Two Elder representatives from the SD57 Elders Advisory Council or Elder in Residence program.
6. Two student representatives elected by the District Student Advisory Council.

Staff Committee Members:

1. Superintendent and/or Assistant Superintendent, SD57.
2. Principal of Aboriginal Education or designate.
3. Vice Chairperson, School District No. 57 Board of Education.
4. Two teachers selected by the Prince George District Teachers Association (PGDTA) (one elementary, one secondary).
5. Two members of Prince George Principal / Vice-Principal Association (PGPVPA) selected by the PGPVPA (one elementary, one secondary).
6. Two school based Aboriginal Education workers selected by CUPE 3742 preferably with Aboriginal ancestry. (one elementary, one secondary).

Aboriginal Education Committee Mandate

1. Honour and acknowledge traditional Aboriginal teachings and knowledge as an integral part of School District No. 57.
2. Provide ongoing support for the implementation of the Local Education Agreements with Lheidli T'enneh Band and McLeod Lake Indian Band.
3. Provide an ongoing support for the activities and initiatives of the School District No. 57 Aboriginal Education Department provided through BC Ministry of Education targeted funding and within the effective schools model.
4. Review School District No. 57 policy in relation to Aboriginal Education and work collaboratively with the Aboriginal Education Department and the Board of Education to recommend applicable changes to these policies if and when needed.
5. Annually review the culture, language support programs and services being offered through Aboriginal Education targeted funding for self-declared Aboriginal students.
6. Annually review School District No. 57's Strategic Plan and Framework for Enhancing Student Learning as it relates to Aboriginal Education.
7. Provide regular and ongoing representation as an educational partner group to the Board of Education through attending Education Programs and Planning, education Services, and Policy and Governance Standing Committee meetings and the Calendar committee.
8. Annually review School District No. 57 targeted 1701 funding budget within a timeline that will allow community representative adequate time to consult and gather feedback from their respective communities/ organizations.
9. Provide recommendations and support around surplus dollars within the self-declared aboriginal student 1701 targeting funds budget.

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