



## Indigenous Education Council Minutes

Thursday, September 25, 2025  
4:30 – 5:00 pm  
Virtual

Present: Jared Basil, Culture and Social Sector, Yaqan Nukiy  
Kat Coleman, Principal Yaqan Nukiy School  
Nerissa Joseph, Education Coordinator, Splatsin  
Trish Smillie, Superintendent SD8  
Laury Carriere, Director of Instruction- Indigenous Education and Learning Services, SD8  
Nona Lynn, Learning Innovator (minutes), SD8

Regrets: Brenna Joseph, Education Coordinator, Splatsin  
Janet Terbasket, Council, Education Portfolio, Lower Similkameen, Okanagan Nation Alliance  
Marion Louie, Lower Similkameen Band  
Maddie Allison, Executive Assistant, Lower Similkameen Band, Okanagan Nation Alliance  
Nicole Courson, President, West Kootenay Metis Society

### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:36 p.m.

### 2. Territorial Acknowledgement

*We acknowledge, respect and honour the First Nations in whose traditional territories the Kootenay Lake School District operates and all Aboriginal people residing within the boundaries of School District No. 8.*

### 3. Changes to the Proposed Agenda

Add: IEC Regional Gathering

### 4. Adoption of the Agenda

**UPON** a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED**:

**THAT** the Agenda of September 25, 2025 meeting **BE ADOPTED**, as amended.

The motion carried unanimously.

### 5. Indigenous Education Council Reporting 2024-2025

Director Carriere provided an overview of the Indigenous Education Council 24/25 Reporting. Discussion took place around the status of the IEC Reporting in 24/25 as opposed to 25/26 and making the appropriate updates for last year.

Director Carriere will make the appropriate revisions and send it out to the council for a final review.

### 6. Indigenous Education Year End Financial Report 2024-2025

Director Carriere provided an overview of the IEC Year End Financial Report for the 24/25 school year. Director Carriere provided a detailed presentation of the IEC Year End Financial Report. Director Carrier explained how the IEC Financial Report for 24/25 works and is broken out. Director Carriere shared that the titles in the IEC Financial Report will be updated in the SD8 budgeting process to provide alignment.



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**UPON** a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED**:  
**THAT** the Indigenous Education Year End Financial Report 2024-2025 **BE ADOPTED**.  
The motion carried unanimously.

**7. Meeting Schedule and Reminders**

A. **IEC Meetings**

The next Meeting of the IEC is scheduled for October 23 and 24, 2025 at the Prestige Lakeside Resort in Nelson, BC.

B. **IEC Regional Gathering**

The IEC Regional Gathering will take place at Spirit Ridge in Osoyoos on November 18 and 19, 2025.

Director Carriere provided an overview of the event.

Learning Innovator will make travel arrangements for the IEC.

**8. Indigenous Education Council Reporting 2024-2025 - resolution**

Director Carriere will circulate the Indigenous Education Council Report 2024-2025 with a resolution for adoption. Voting will take place via email. The IEC will seek final approval by end of day, Monday, September 29, 2025.

**9. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:19 p.m.