

Indigenous Education Council

Minutes

May 26, 2026

9:00 am – 12:00 PM PST

via: Teams

The Indigenous Education Council will advise the school board in providing comprehensive and equitable education and support service to all Indigenous students and improve all Indigenous student outcomes.

Present: Nerissa Joseph, Vice Chair, Splatsin
Brenna Joseph, Splatsin
Nicole Courson, West Kootenay Metis Society
Marion Louie, Lower Similkameen Indian Band
Julie Bremner, SD8 Board of Education Vice-Chair
Trish Smillie, SD8 Superintendent
Laury Carriere, SD8 Director of Aboriginal Education & Learning Services
Nona Lynn, SD8 Learning Innovator

Regrets: Jared Basil, Chair
Janet Terbasket, Lower Similkameen Indian Band
Kat Coleman, Principal, Yaqan Nukiy School

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m.

2. Acknowledgement of Aboriginal Territory

Vice-Chair Joseph led the group in an acknowledgement and honoring for the day.

3. Changes to Proposed Agenda

UPON a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED:**
THAT the Agenda of the May 26, 2026, meeting **BE ADOPTED**, as amended.

4. Adoption of Minutes

UPON a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED:**
THAT the Minutes of the March 9, 2026, meeting **BE ADOPTED**, as circulated.

UPON a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED:**
THAT the Minutes of the April 21, 2026, meeting **BE ADOPTED**, as circulated.

5. SD8 Aboriginal Education Programing Update

Director Carriere provided further information on programming in schools and staffing updates.

6. New Business

- a. Parent Concerns
Further discussion around parent concerns and the correspondence received.

- b. **Job Description Review**
Director Carriere shared Aboriginal Education job descriptions for review. Various items were discussed and feedback received.
- c. **2026-2027 IEC School Visits**
Director Carriere shared the draft IEC school visit schedule for 26-27 and feedback was received for adjustments.
- d. **IEC Calendar 26/27**

Review of calendar items for 2026-2027.

UPON a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED:**
THAT THE 2026/2027 IEC Calendar **BE ADOPTED**, as amended.
- e. **IEC Annual Work Plan 26/27**
UPON a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED:**
THAT the 2026/2027 IEC Annual Work Plan **BE ADOPTED**, as circulated.
- f. **June Calendar Planning**
The June IEC meeting will take place on Monday, June 22 at 2:00 pm.
- g.
- h. **Program Review**
Discussion to confirm that the program review will be shared with the Aboriginal Education team.

7. **Old Business**
NIL

8. **Next Meeting**
Monday, June 22, 2026 – 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm – virtually.
Director Carriere will present a 2026-2027 Services and Supplies budget proposal for the IEC to review.

A round table took place sharing what people are looking forward to the upcoming graduation season.

9. **Adjourn**
The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.