

**Indigenous Education Council
Minutes**

June 22, 2026

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

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: Jared Basil, Chair
Kat Coleman, Principal, yaqan nukiy School
Brenna Joseph, Splatsin
Nicole Courson, West Kootenay Metis Society
Trish Smillie, SD8 Superintendent
Laury Carriere, SD8 Director of Aboriginal Education & Learning Services
Nona Lynn, SD8 Learning Innovator

Regrets: Nerissa Joseph, Vice Chair, Splatsin
Marion Louie, Lower Similkameen Indian Band
Julie Bremner, SD8 Board of Education Vice-Chair

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:13 p.m.

2. Acknowledgement of Aboriginal Territory

A territorial acknowledgement was shared.

Discussion took place around updating the SD8 Land Acknowledgement in future.

3. Changes to Proposed Agenda

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

THAT the Agenda of the June 22, 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 May 26, 2026, meeting **BE ADOPTED**, as circulated.

5. SD8 Aboriginal Education Programing Update

Director Carriere shared a congratulations to all of the graduates at recent graduation ceremonies across the district.

SD8 graduation dates and times will be shared with the IEC going forward.

6. New Business

a. Parent Concerns

Further discussion around parent concerns and the correspondence received.

b. Staffing 2026-2027

Director Carriere provided an additional overview of ABED staffing for the 26/27 school year.

c. Draft Supplies and Services Budget Proposal



Director Carriere provided an overview of the draft ABED Supplies & Services budget for the 26/27 school year.

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

THAT the 2026/2027 ABED Supplies & Services budget be approved as presented in principle.

- d. Thank You - Kat Coleman
Thank you to Kat Coleman for her work on the SD8 IEC.
- e. August 2026 IEC Meeting
The August 2026 IEC meetings will take place August 13 and 14, 2026 in person in Creston for voting members and the secretariat.
Cultural learning and business will be intertwined into the two-day meeting.
- F. Naming of the SD8 IEC
Chair Basil shared that yaqan nu?kiy Chief and Council have offered the name Wuqanqankimik, which means 'to take long strides' as the new name of the SD8 IEC.

7. Old Business
NIL

8. Next Meeting
August 13 & 14, 2026 - IEC Summer Retreat – in-person Creston

9. Adjourn
The meeting was adjourned at 4:12 p.m.