BCCPAC Representation Report

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(*BCCPAC Past President Kimberlee Howland was also at this meeting).*
(Please note that this was my first attendance to this meeting).

Name of Event: Education Partners Group
Date of Event: September 26, 2008
Location of Event: BC School Trustees Association, 1580 West Broadway, Vancouver, B.C.

The purpose was to provide representatives of the Education Partners Group an update on FNESC projects and activities.

The meeting was presided by Mike Gagel , Director, Information and Education Technology.

Also present were Tyrone McNeil , President of FNESC ; Trina Sxwithul'txw , Executive Assistant of FNESC ;Ted Cadwallader from Aboriginal Enhancements Branch of the Ministry of Education ; BCTF Executives ; INAC (Indian and Northern Affairs Canada representatives. (Please note that I have not received the minutes from this meeting , therefore I do not have the complete information on the attendance).

1.National Funding Proposal for Relationship Building and First Nations School Success Planning

FNESC staff has continued to meet with INAC to discuss this. FNESC understands that INAC is hoping to start providing funding by January 2009. INAC has asked FNESC to submit two proposals , one for relationship building and the other for school success planning. FNESC proposals will include some activities currently related to the Education Partners table such as Anti-Racism as well as funding for First Nations schools to engage in the Ministry of Education's Rural Schools' Strategy , which includes professional development for new teachers.

2. Reciprocal Tuition

BC and FNESC continue to work through a process that will allow for reciprocal tuition , that is province providing funding to non-status students attending Band schools.

3.English First Peoples

FNESC , in partnership with the Ministry of Education is pleased to announce the completion of the curriculum , examination and Teacher Resource Guide for the English 12 (EFP 12) First Peoples provincial course. EFP 12 is intended for both aboriginal and non-aboriginal teachers and students. The curriculum and examination information can be found on the Ministry of Education website. The Teacher Resource Guide can be found on the FNESC website and anyone who wants to request a copy can contact FNESC.

Two new courses of English 10 and 11 First Peoples are being developed with the Ministry of Education.

4. 14th Annual Provincial Conference on Aboriginal Education

This will be happening in downtown Vancouver from November 27-29, 2008. The conference hosts are FNESC , Ministry of Education ,Me'tis Nation BC and the Ministry of Advanced Education and Labour Market Development. The theme is " Strengthening Connections : Investing in Aboriginal Learners. Questions about the conference can be directed to conference@fnesc.ca.

5. Regional Sessions

Each year , FNESC staff and Board members meet face to face with local communities for information on FNESC's work and to obtain feedback on specific education issues and projects. This year, sessions were held in 11 communities : Prince Rupert ,Kamloops ,Lytton ,Campbell River ,Cranbrook , Port Alberni , Lower Mainland , Victoria , Prince George ,Williams Lake ,and Kelowna .

Tyrone McNeil , President of FNESC would like to have an opportunity to meet with the BCCPAC Board of Directors to discuss Enhancement Agreements . This was an action item from the previous meeting that past Director Margaret Lipke attended last May 21, 2008. May I suggest that President Broda or designate call and talk to President McNeil , after the Board has discussed this . This will be a good Pro D item for the Board in Aboriginal awareness.

FNESC was pleased to hear from Past President Kimberlee Howland regarding the workshop ," Increasing Aboriginal Parent Involvement in PACs "
By Ted Cadwallader at the BCCPAC Fall Leadership Conference, Hilton Vancouver Metrotown , Burnaby, B.C.

The next FNESC meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2009.