



## Wisdom and Guidance Committee

### Agenda

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

**Ponoka Elementary School**

#### Wolf Creek Public Schools Land Acknowledgement

**Attendance:** Jayson Lovell, Lloyd Desjarlais, Carolyn Mackinaw, Tracey Louis, Leanne Louis, Shelagh Hagemann, Tim Bowman, Lorrie Jess, and Lori Buffalo

**Regrets:** Tanya Strongman, Elder Joseph Deschamps, Gabrielle Blackbird, Chief Leonard Standing On The Road, Courtney Skjonsberg, and Ian Tisdale

We acknowledge that we are on Treaty 6 territory and we recognize all the many First Nations, Metis Inuit, and non First Nations whose footsteps have marked these lands.

#### ❖ Elder Teachings

Elder not available

#### ❖ Business

##### ➤ Updates from Wolf Creek Public School Division

##### ■ Superintendent Rep update

##### ● Budget

CIF funding. Increase in SSW allocation & Inclusion Coach, 2 teachers and slight increase in EA support.

##### ● CASS Spring Gathering

Jayson presented with Andrea Holowka- Becoming an Ally in Indigenous Education The session focused on how supporting First Nation, Métis and Inuit students, families and communities is a responsibility shared by everyone. Successful collaboration and support requires the development of allies in Indigenous education.

##### ● Elder Updates- Joseph

##### ◆ Date for committee to meet to discuss Female Elder support (Tanya, Leanne, & Garry) May 16 at DO

##### ■ First Nations, Metis and Inuit Student Success Coordinator

##### ◆ Honouring Spirit Award- Mylee

[Yellowbird Gr 4-6](#) Tim shared how proud he was of Mylee and the contributions she makes to PES daily. Lori Buffalo was also nominated for High School. Tim congratulated Lori for all her work supporting PES during intramurals. Shelagh spoke about Lori's leadership with preparing students to care for Elders during the Culture Camp.

##### ◆ Position- First Nations Learning Supports Coach- This is a new position for WCPS that will be

direct support for teachers in the classroom to indigenize curricular outcomes. Position will be mostly working in the Ponoka sector but will be supporting schools across the division.

➤ **Position posted-closing date on May 18th**

➤ **Interview May 25**

**We need a W&G rep to be part of the hiring process.** Tracey Louis will be the W&G rep to assist with hiring for the FNMI Learning Supports Coach. She will meet to determine interview questions, short list and support in the interviewing process.

- ◆ **Thursday, May 17 Grad POS- request for Chief to attend-** Request made to Chief Saddleback. May not be able to attend.
- ◆ **Saturday, June 2 Grad PSC- request for Chief to attend-** Request made to Chief Saddleback.
- ◆ **Indigenous Culture Camp- held May 11**-well attended and positive response from leaders across the province.
- ◆ **Public School Board Association- June 2- anyone interested in attending?** Lloyd Desjarlais will co present with Shelagh on the Wisdom and Guidance Committee
- ◆ **CARC- upcoming PD events-**a list of FNMI PD events has been shared with staff in WCPS. Jane will come out to the division as well.
- ◆ **ATA Walking Together- Resources etc.**
- ◆ **FNMI Lead Teacher-Possible Names:**We need to decide on a name for the Lead Teachers. Check spelling as some words may be off.
  - **Cree words: Bridge, Connect, Lead**
  - **List from Tanya**

- **mamahtahwitaw- means empowering in Cree.**
- **sipihkaw- is to be resilient**
- **kihcheyihtakosiwn- Respect yourself**
- **nitapowakeyihten- dream**
- **nawasonikew- choices**
- **maskawisiwin- strength**
- **sohkeyimiwin- confident**
- **pihkohtew- achieve**

■ **Updates from Wisdom and Guidance Committee Members**

● **Celebrations/feedback/Concerns**

**MESC- Leanne-** Signing Federal and Provincial signing ceremonies. May 18 & June 21 st.

**UAVS- Lloyd-** Urban Aboriginal Voices Society Lloyd represents RDC and Shelagh represents WCPS. Proposal for a Indigenous Town Hall meeting for students and parents. Focus on UAVS and gathering feedback. National [Aboriginal Day Conference](#)- over the week of June 18<sup>th</sup>. Teachers & students in WCPS invited to attend.

❖ **Items for Discussion**

**The IFNE grant was awarded to WCPS over a three year period of time. Part of the grant supports the work of the Wisdom and Guidance Committee with a focus on parental engagement. The budget allocation is \$5000.00 per year.**

**1) What suggestions do you have for parent engagement activities that the W&G committee could assist in planning for the next school year?**

- Movie night with popcorn- National Film Board, Indian Horse etc.
- Orange Shirt Day- September 30<sup>th</sup>
- Wisdom and Guidance parents attend Open Houses at PES, PSC and POS highlighting what we are doing
- Continue to assist with Professional Development activities across the division to bring understanding
- Connect with students in the classrooms to support the teaching of cultural ways
- W&G parents attend PTI to meet, support and maybe recruit members. A small booth set up to welcome parents.
- Invite parents from across the division to attend meetings and hold meetings in different locations around the division
- Wisdom and Guidance members attend school council meetings to share what is happening in WCPS
- Plan a Feast for the three Ponoka Schools at the beginning of the year- September- Invite families to attend
- Ensure meeting minutes are posted and updated on the website

Note: committee members will think about possible ideas to engage parents and will bring ideas forward once we reconvene in August.

❖ **Next Date for Wisdom and Guidance Committee Meeting?**

- **Sweat?** We have always started the year with a ceremonial sweat. Sweat scheduled **for August 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00**. Location to be determined closer to the date. Preferable to have sweat later in the afternoon.
- **Retreat?** Date to be determined after the Sweat. Shelagh will host this event
- **Meeting Date-** Item on the agenda for the retreat.