

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION ENHANCEMENT AGREEMENT (AEEA)

Meeting Notes

September 13, 2006

Participants:

Victor Jim, Coordinator Enhancement Agreements
Eric McMahon, Coordinator Enhancement Agreements
Kevin Ned, Social Development Coordinator, OKIB
Dr. Bob Peacock, Superintendent, SD #22
Grant Stevens, Principal, Aboriginal Program
Sandra Lynxleg, Principal, Aboriginal Program
Don Balcombe, Principal, Seaton
Melanie Jorgensen, VP, Seaton
Kym Howay, First Nation Advocate, SD #22
Robin Genthon, First Nation Advocate, SD #22
Pat Wilson, First Nation Advocate, SD #22

Meeting Notes:

- Provincial trends – unique, customized
- Academic success – define:
 - What it means locally?
 - What is important to us? i.e. sense of belonging, attendance
 - How do you measure sense of belonging?
 - How do we quantify?
 - What is qualitative; how do we define?
 - How do we include all those who self-identify? Even those who state they don't require services.
- Service for all FN students
- All parties play a role to address/achieve goals
- How do we include all invested/identified groups, individuals, others?
- Who are we doing this for and why?
- Get to the heart: Get to the mind!
- Experience based discussion
- Individual school focus – speak with students/parents
- Take the dollars off the table
- System alignment
- Aboriginality (define, listen)
- Living document (aboriginal voice, not just on paper, not just read)
- Mark Edwards thesis
- Start with blank paper – talk

Next Session:

- How do we communicate the results of this meeting?
- Planning session – bring personnel, invite someone
- Urban/rural/schools...

Meeting Outcome:

1. Grant, Sandra, and Dr. Peacock will address the Enhancement Agreement with the Aboriginal Target Funds Committee (ATFC) at their meeting September 14, 2006.
2. Anyone can contact the above individuals for further details on the meeting's discussion (i.e. defining academic success, measuring a sense of belonging, experience-based discussion, system alignment, aboriginality, who are we doing this for and why? etc).
3. A future planning session will be held (date to be provide after AFTC meeting)
4. Enhancement meetings are open to all (SD#22 staff, trustees, administrators, parents, external agencies, students and their families)

It was a good meeting with good discussion and good company. Your voice was missed but not forgotten!

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