

# **Regular Board Meeting**

Thursday, February 3, 2022, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Meeting Platform: ZOOM (V)

# Attendees:

#### **Board Members:**

- 1. Chief Ivan Sawan, Chair, Loon River First Nation
- 2. Councilor Shayne Letendre, Loon River First Nation
- 3. Chief Billy Joe Laboucan, Lubicon Lake Band
- 4. Councilor Timothy Sawan, Vice Chair, Lubicon Lake Band
- 5. Councilor Jason Laboucan, Lubicon Lake Band
- 6. Chief Gladys Okemow, Peerless Trout First Nation
- 7. Councilor Corrine Alook, Peerless Trout First Nation
- 8. Councilor Judy Sinclair, Peerless Trout First Nation
- 9. Chief Albert Thunder, Whitefish Lake First Nation
- 10. Councilor James Nahachick, Whitefish Lake First Nation
- 11. Councilor Hughie Tallman, Whitefish Lake First Nation
- 12. Chief Isaac Laboucan Avirom, Woodland Cree First Nation
- 13. Councilor Derek Auger, Woodland Cree First Nation
- 14. Councilor Frank Whitehead., Woodland Cree First Nation

#### **KTCEA Staff:**

- 1. Dr. Daphne Mai'Stoina, Superintendent
- 2. Pearl Calahasen, Deputy Superintendent
- 3. Carmen Parent, Strategic Projects Specialist
- 4. Kimberly Carifelle, Project Coordinator
- 5. Melbourne Disbrowe, Communications Coordinator
- 6. Yvonne Noskey, Director of Finance
- 7. Heather L'Hirondelle, Executive Assistant

#### Absent / Regrets:

- 1. Councilor Tyler Letendre, Loon River First Nation
- 2. Gilbert Okemow, Community Engagement Coordinator

#### KTC Leadership, Admin Staff & Other Guests:

- 1. Al Rollins, KTC CEO
- 2. Marilyn Rudd, Band Manager WCFN
- 3. Julia Johnson, Director of Education WCFN

# **Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

- 1. Meeting Called to Order
- 2. Opening Prayer
- 3. Introductions / Roll Call
- 4. Approval of January 11, 2022 Agenda:

9:10 am Chair, Chief Ivan Sawan 9:11 am Councillor James Nahachick

**Board Chair** 

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- 2022-02-03 # 1: Motion to accept the February 3, 2022 Agenda as presented with the addition of a discussion about the age entrance requirements for K-4.
- Moved by Councilor Frank Whitehead. Seconded by Councillor James Nahachick. All in favor, motion carried.



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#### 5. Reading of the Minutes:

Yvonne Noskey, Director of Finance

- 2022-02-03 # 2: The Board approved the Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2022 as read by Yvonne Noskey.
- Moved by Councilor Timothy Sawan. Seconded by Councillor Corrine Alook. All in favor, motion carried.

#### **Business Arising:**

• The Superintendent's Report includes the information and directives at the previous Board meeting.

### 6. Superintendent's Report:

- Opening remarks:
  - With the new variant being very contagious, back in December we've anticipated it will come and affect us, which also reflects the continued school closures. Time has been spent reaching out to students, looking at participation rates and planning on how to address the learning loss. All Schools remain closed until further notice.

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- Education Continuity:
  - The KTCEA staff current vaccination statistics are 79% fully vaccinated, 4% partially vaccinated and 17 % not vaccinated. We continue to provide incentives to those who get the vaccination.
  - o Comparison charts and percentages of the vaccination stats for each school were also presented.

#### School re-openings:

- All schools currently remain closed until further notice.
- Student participation rates show fluctuations with each school and has proven to be challenging
  with the closures. KTCEA continues to ensuring at home learning is occurring in a meaningful way
  for the students.
- Since July 2021, 1100 Chromebooks have been distributed. 106 devices have either been lost or damaged. The goal is for every student to have a device.
- Nominal Roll (NR) has been discussed. Current and past numbers for each school was presented.
- The KTCEA emergency Response Plan (ERP) was presented to the Board.



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Curriculum & Instruction Update:

- Treaty Based Curriculum Partnership with Treaty 8 to ensure the teachings of Treaty 8 is incorporated into the KTCEA Curriculum. First step a technician meeting is being planned in February with Treaty 8 to come up with a plan of action. Will keep the board updated on this.
- KTCEA Radio is a daily program from 8:00am 3:00pm. Suggestions for content is welcomed from the communities and schools.
- o Greenhouse Partnership with SAIT. Partnership meetings continue. Sait will join the Kick Off event and plans to include high school students in the design aspcts.
- Land Based Learning Videos. Councillor Frank Whitehead has been sharing his knowledge on hunting/trapping on Facebook and has agreed that KTCEA may use these videos for education in KTCEA schools.
- The Outreach Program is currently serving students from KTC First Nations. KTCE receives \$150,000 through the REA for Outreach Program (regardless of the number of sites).
  - We are currently in the process of working with each of the Nation to identify sites that are feasible based on funding receives. If the space that is being identified in a First Nation is a Nation building, the Education Authority does not receive the funding for O&M for that building as the funding for O&M is provided to the Nation.
  - The Administrative Agreements with each of the member Nations do not cover Outreach sites. We are working to develop a common agreement for all Nations- much like the Administrative Agreements.
- 2022-02-03 # 3: The Board approved the list of responsibilities and commitments outlined in the Superintendent's presentation as those that will be included in each of the Outreach Program Access Agreements with member First nations.
- Abstained by Councilor Derek Auger. Woodland would like more information and input on this matter.
- The Student Services team has been working on the following initiatives:
  - o Inclusive Education. The clinical services continue for students. Upcoming events include Inclusive Education Week Feb 21-25, 2022 and Professional Development Day on February 25, 2022
  - Mental Health. Wellness Workers will be hired for each school with the goal of these staff being from the communities. Elders in Residence, collaborating with LBL and HR to have elders in the schools. Psychologists available to students every Monday.



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- Career counselling. Current and upcoming projects include; High school survey on attendance and retention, collaboration with C&I and Sait on greenhouse project, U of A Mentorship project, Community Recognition and Jr/Sr High Kick Off for second semester.
- The Sports coordinator will be hosting coaching and referring clinics at each school.

#### The Human Resources Update:

- Rapid Testing Consultant Update. Posted to the website and shared with the communities.
   Currently no tender applications have been received. It has been reposted with a new closing date.
- Staffing Needs. All current staffing needs for each location has been presented and all vacant job ads have been reposted without the vaccine requirement.
- 2022-01-11 # 4: The Board approves the Superintendent's Report as presented.
- Moved by Councillor James Nahachick. Seconded by Councilor Derek Auger. All in favor, motion carried.

#### 7. Finance Report and Training Update:

- REA YTD Budget/Expenditures has been presented for all KTCEA locations/departments.
- The finance department training schedule with the KTCEA board has been presented.
- 2022-01-11 # 5: The Board accepts the Finance Report as presented by Yvonne Noskey.
- Moved by Councilor Derek Auger. Seconded by Councillor Timothy Sawan. All in favor, motion carried.

#### 8. Adjournment:

- **2022-01-11 # 6**: Motion to adjourn the meeting of February 3, 2022.
- Moved by Chief Gladys Okemow. Seconded by Councilor Frank Whitehead. All in favor, motion carried.

Closing Prayer: Chief Billy Joe