



KEE TAS KEE NOW TRIBAL COUNCIL EDUCATION AUTHORITY

Regular Board Meeting
Thursday September 8, 2022
Meeting Platform: In-Person/ZOOM
DoubleTree Edmonton West

9:00am-3:00pm

<p>Board Members:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chief Ivan Sawan, Chair, Loon River First Nation 2. Councilor Shayne Letendre, Loon River First Nation 3. Councilor Cody Letendre, Loon River First Nation 4. Chief Billy Joe Laboucan, Lubicon Lake Band 5. Councilor Timothy Sawan, Lubicon Lake Band 6. Jason Laboucan, Lubicon Lake Band 7. Chief Gladys Okemow, Peerless Trout First Nation 8. Councilor Judy Sinclair, Peerless Trout First Nation 9. Chief Albert Thunder, Whitefish Lake First Nation 10. Councilor Darren Auger, Vice Chair, Whitefish Lake First Nation 11. Chief Albert Thunder, Whitefish Lake First Nation 12. Derek Auger, Woodland Cree First Nation 13. Frank Whitehead, Woodland Cree First Nation 	<p>KTCEA Staff:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Daphne Mai'Stoina, Superintendent 2. Pearl Calahasen, Deputy Superintendent 3. Carmen Parent, Strategic Projects Specialist 4. Yvonne Noskey, Director of Finance 5. Kimberly Carifelle, Project Coordinator 6. Brandon Okemow, Executive Assistant
<p>Absent / Regrets:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chief Isaac Laboucan Avirom, Woodland Cree First Nation 2. Councilor Corrine Alook, Peerless Trout First Nation 	<p>KTC Leadership, Admin Staff & Other Guests:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Al Rollins, KTC Admin 2. Shawna Janvier, KTC Admin 3. Gloria Letendre, Elder 4. Helen Noskey, Elder 5. Kathleen Laboucan, Elder 6. Marina Thunder, Elder 7. Emile Houle, Elder 8. Evelyn Noskey, Elder

Attendees:

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1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Opening Prayer
3. Introductions / Roll Call

9:00 am Chair, Derek Auger
 9:05 am Elder, Marina Thunder
 Board Vice Chair Darren Auger



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- **2022-09-08 # 1:** Motion to accept the September 8, 2022 Agenda as presented.
- Moved by Chair Derek Auger. Seconded by Chief Ivan Sawan. All in favor, motion carried.

4. Reading of the Minutes:

Yvonne Noskey, Director of Finance

- **2022-09-08 # 2:** The Board approved the Meeting Minutes of June 6, 2022 as read by Yvonne Noskey.
- Moved by Councilor Jason Laboucan, Seconded by Chief Billy Joe Laboucan. All in favor, motion carried.

5. Superintendent's Report:

- School Kick-off: Information on the 2022-2023 staff induction camp and the all-staff kick off was presented.
- School Calendar: The 2022-2023 school calendar was presented. KTCEA is requesting to add four days to the Christmas break to be consistent with nearby school districts.
- Outreach Program: Information on the program was presented. Loon River will be opening an outreach for the 2022-2023 school year at the old LRC building. Sites for the remaining KTC nations is still in the works.
- Student Services: Lindy Fors has accepted the position of Inclusive Education Manager. She was the Inclusive Education Coordinator for Atikameg School and brings her experience in inclusive education, art therapy, mental health and counselling. Lindy coordinated the summer tutoring program.
 - In Loon River we had a total of 9 students participating, 3 teachers, and a total number of hours of 63.
 - In Peerless Lake we had 8 students participating, 1 teacher and a total number of hours of 45
 - In Little Buffalo we had 18 students participating, 2 teachers and 91 hours (one student from Cadotte and 17 from Little Buffalo)
- Mental Health Camps: Each community in KTC had one week of a mental health camp this summer for a total of six weeks. Kim and Damian, our Mental Health workers from last year provided students with the opportunity to participate in activities that build problem solving skills, connections, a sense of belong and fun. Activities were outside or in the gym depending on the weather.
- Learning Disruption: We are increasing instructional time in Literacy and Numeracy in grades k-9. In the first 2 weeks of October we will do the WRAT 5. This will provide information on the foundational literacy and numeracy skills of students. This assessment provides information to the teacher immediately as they are the ones administering the test to their students. Teachers are able to plan instruction based on what they observe rather than waiting for results. Action Plans will be developed at the school level with teachers



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and administration to address the priorities. We have a Literacy and Numeracy Specialists that are able to provide direct intervention, class intervention, and school wide interventions. Student Services is currently planning Authority wide initiatives such as; Spelling bees, reading challenges, play based literacy skills, sporting activities to engage and motivate students.

- Cree Language and Culture Update: September 15 & 16 dates are scheduled for the Elders Advisory Committee in Slave Lake for their input into what is missing from the Elders Speak App and also a discussion and sharing of the Cree Standard Roman Orthography & Syllabics. Introduction to the SRO – Since 3 of the Cree Language Teachers are doing Universities courses, Saturdays are the only option to bring them all together. Also Zoom meeting on the SRO will continue and will be held every Tuesday & Wednesday for 3:30 – 5:00 for the next 2 months. Working with Communications to record the Vision and Mission Statements and the Respect Statement for the Schools in Cree. We are also working towards having a Common Consistent Student Cree Assessment for students across the 6 schools.
- HR Update: School staffing needs for each location was shared and discussed.
- WIPCE: There are presently 20 individuals comprising 4 board members, six school staff and 4 from central office and 2 youth attending WIPCE (plus partners). The KTCEA presentation will occur on Thursday, September 29. All attendees will be present during this presentation. We would like to ask any Board members to bring their traditional leadership regalia and nation flags for the presentation.
- Capital Services: An update on the school buses and playgrounds was presented. We will be culling the fleet in the fall. No need to keep inactive buses on the roster. Board members asked whether Nations can purchase the old bus units that are being disposed. The process is outlined in the Asset Disposal Policy which will be brought forward at the next meeting. Capital Services is also working with the Rotary Club to secure playgrounds for installation in the spring. Representatives would like to come and introduce themselves to the Board.
- PowerSchool Update: PowerSchool Setup for 2022-2023 is in progress.
 - Report card and High School credit for 2021-2022 school year are approved and completed.
 - PowerSchool training for Admin group: 2 days training was completed at head office last week.
 - One to one training with the admins and the teachers at each school is scheduled for September and October.
 - We will be rolling out a parent portal to parents in the coming months. Parents portal training with the school admin has been completed.

Student registration is in full swing for new and returning students.

- Nominal Roll submission will be completed by October 15th (the nominal roll cut-off date for this year is September 29).
- School program declaration is due on November 15th.

The KTCEA Graduate projection for 2022-2023: there are 43 grade 12 student who are in line to graduate this year, if they complete all required courses. We are working with schools to make sure they are enrolled in the required courses for graduation.

- Task force on Student Success: At the Strategic Planning meeting in August, there was a request to put together a Task Force on Student Success. We would like to have a first meeting the week of Sept. 19. We



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anticipate having one meeting per month. We need to know who from the Board would like to be on the Task Force. There should be at least one representative per nation.

- **2022-09-08 # 3:** The Board approves the Superintendent's Report as presented.
- Moved by Chief Gladys Okemow. Seconded by Councilor Frank Whitehead.

- Finance Update: Year to date expenditures for the REA and targeted programs were presented, showcasing which programs are spending at their targeted schedules. The updated teacher and educational assistant salary grids were also presented and shared with the board.

- **2022-09-08 # 4:** The Board approves the Finance report as presented.
- Moved by Chief Gladys Okemow. Seconded by Councilor Jason Laboucan.

- **2022-09-08 # 5:** Board approves revised school calendar with 4 days added to the Christmas break, consistent with other local school districts.
- Moved by Chief Ivan Sawan. Seconded by Councilor Cody Letendre.

- **2022-09-08 # 6:** Board approves the 2022-2023 Board Workplan as presented at the meeting.
- Moved by Councilor Frank Whitehead. Seconded by Chief Ivan Sawan.

- **2022-09-08 # 7:** Board approves the creation of a Task Force on Student Success. Members will be appointed at a later date.
- Moved by Chief Ivan Sawan. Seconded by Chief Gladys Okemow.

- **2022-09-08 # 9:** The Board directs that the evaluators presented at the meeting be requested to submit proposals to include their general approach, timelines, costs and experience with evaluation of Indigenous education models for the completion of a Superintendent review and organizational review.
- Moved by Councilor Cody Letendre. Seconded by Councilor Derek Auger.

7. Adjournment:

- **2022-09-08 # 11:** Motion to adjourn the meeting of September 8, 2022.
- Moved by Chief Gladys Okemow. Seconded by Councilor Cody Letendre. All in favor, motion carried.

Closing Prayer: Chief Ivan Sawan