

## **COMMITTEE REPORT –May 17, 2022**

### **DPAC:**

Next meeting to be determined

### **BCSTA-Provincial Council**

- we met at the BCSTA AGM
- the budget for BCSTA was passed
- next meeting is in October

### **BCSTA: Kootenay Boundary Branch:**

- Branch meeting was held at the AGM
- Districts shared their highs and lows
- the Branch will be held in September virtually
- a motion was passed to hold the AGM virtually on election years
- so that puts us off the hook for hosting this year – we will be the hosts in 2023

### **BCTF/BCSTA Group Life Insurance Committee**

- I sit on this committee on behalf of BCSTA
- next meeting AGM to be held April 17, 2023

### **Staff Appreciation:**

- Need to start planning for staff appreciation before year end
- Best time to hold is at the pro-d day in May or before the end of May

### **BCPSEA:**

-receiving updates about the bargaining

### **BCSTA AGM:**

- I attended the in person AGM from April 21-23
- it was a very powerful and emotional event – the theme was Indigenous – Moving from Grief and Moving Forward with Good Hearts
- Elders shared their stories, students shared their experiences and how they were helped to move forward successfully
- a new Board of Directors was elected, with 3 resignations
- the electronic voting worked well for the Business meeting

**Respectfully submitted, Lora Lee Brekke, Trustee**

## Indigenous Education Advisory Council Report (IEAC)

Report from April 26, 2022, Nakusp Secondary School

Trustee: Rhonda Farrell

- Indigenous Support Teachers shared an update on their progress
- Equity Scan update was provided, and dates were confirmed for the following:
  - New Denver (May 26) and Nakusp (May 17)
- Sharing of Sinixt literature and artifacts from the museum
- Examination of the Ministry “How We Are Doing” report on Indigenous student success
- Reminder of the showing of “Beyond Extinction: Sinixt Resurgence” to be shown in Nakusp on May 16<sup>th</sup> and available on-line.

## **BCSTA AGM – April 21-23**

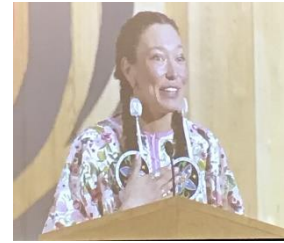
WOW!!! What a powerful and emotional experience!!

This was a great learning experience. The weekend was led by indigenous elders and was so powerful and moving.



The conference started with us being led through the entrance to the longhouse. All sessions except the Business Meeting began with being led into the longhouse. A longhouse wall set the stage. Speeches were given by indigenous elders, led by Trustee Joe Thorne from the Cowichan SD. Life stories were shared – stories of residential school experience, family histories, and life sharing. Emotions ran high and counseling was there for those who needed it.

The opening ceremony included an indigenous welcome and some national anthems. The keynote speaker was Kendal Netmaker, who is an award-winning entrepreneur, author and gifted keynote speaker who is on a mission to empower and motivate people worldwide by sharing his story that regardless of where you come from and what challenges you face, you have the power to enact change. Powerful speech!!



The second day started with Branch meetings. This was followed by being led in to the longhouse, and more stories from the elders. There was a signing of an MOU between FNEESC and BCSTA.

We were entertained by students in the afternoon, followed by a speaker who shared her upbringing in the indigenous way.

The business meeting was held on the Saturday – the electronic voting worked well. There was only one round of voting for Board of Directors for BCSTA – they were all elected with enough votes in one round. Jane Fearing from SD6, part of our Branch, was elected to the Board.

There was a special recognition for retiring BCSTA President Stephanie Higginson, where she was presented with a drum made by Joe Thorne.

All in all, it was a powerful and moving event.  
I am so glad that I was able to attend.