



DATE: August 24, 2022

TO: Board of Trustees

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GOVERNANCE POLICY: [Policy 105 - Vision, Mission and Values](#)
[Policy 125 - Advocacy Plan](#)
[Policy 225 - Board Responsibility and Conduct](#)
[Policy 700 - Superintendent of Schools](#)

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE: *Education Act*
Superintendent Leadership Quality Standard (SLQS)

SUBJECT: Stakeholder Engagement Update – Alexander First Nation/KEC

PURPOSE:

For information.

BACKGROUND:

In the 2021-2022 school year, the Board of Trustees hosted a series of meetings with various municipal partners and community stakeholders to engage in dialogue about the Divisions' programs and future planning.

In March 2022, the Board Chair met with Chief Arcand and Senior Executive met with the Kipohakaw Education Centre (KEC) Director of Education and other KEC staff on multiple occasions throughout the school year to foster effective relationships and plan future collaborative educational opportunities for both staff and students. As a result of these engagements and of the signing of the 2022-2027 Education Services Agreement on June 22, 2022, regular meetings have been scheduled between AFNE Administration, Senior Executive, KEC leadership staff, and our school leaders.

April 13, 2022, Sturgeon Public Schools' Indigenous Success leadership team met at KEC with the AFNE Administration and KEC leadership staff to discuss how to approach Alexander First Nation's elders and knowledge keepers. This provided an opportunity to walk through KEC and meet their staff.

May 5, 2022, the leadership staff at Sturgeon Composite High School, Camilla School, and Senior Executive met at KEC with AFNE Administration and KEC leadership staff to discuss how our three schools could strengthen the connection between our communities, support transitions between schools, and seek opportunities to work together. At this time, it was agreed to set up regular meetings alternating between each school location. As a result of this meeting, Camilla staff attended a cultural camp at KEC and the grade 3 and 4 students from KEC joined students at Camilla for their field day on June 24, 2022.



May 14, 2022, many Sturgeon Public staff and their families, including the Principal of Camilla School, the Principal of École Morinville Public, and the Deputy Superintendent attended the Alexander First Nation POWWOW celebration.

June 6, 2022, the Board Chair, Trustees, Senior Executive, the Principal of Camilla school, and the Indigenous Student Success coach attended the Alexander First Nation's celebration of 40 years of local control of education. The Board Chair spoke about our longstanding partnership and desire to strengthen our relationship and improve education for both communities.

June 8 and June 21, 2022, KEC leadership staff and drummers hosted Indigenous celebrations with staff and students at Redwater and Four Winds Public School respectively,

June 23, 2022, the leadership staff at Sturgeon Composite High School, Camilla School, and Senior Executive met at Sturgeon Composite High School with AFNE Administration and KEC leadership staff to discuss plans for the 2022-2023 school year. Items discussed at the meeting were:

- PD for SPS school-based administrators
- Inviting KEC teachers to SPS division-based PD
- Meet and greet between Sturgeon Public and KEC teachers
- Sturgeon Public students attending KEC camps and Career Fair
- Making Grade level connections between teachers to work in a PLC
- Potential Cree Language Program at Camilla
- Smudging

The next meeting is scheduled for September 29th at 10:00 am at Camilla School.

Administration is prepared to respond to questions at the August 24, 2022, Public Board meeting.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Not applicable.