

KEE TAS KEE NOW TRIBAL COUNCIL EDUCATION AUTHORITY BOARD REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES ~ February 19, 2019 Executive Royal Hotel, Edmonton

PRESENT:	NAME:	TITLE:	
COMMITTEE:	Ivan Sawan	Chairperson, Loon River First Nation Councilor	
	Gilbert Okemow	Vice Chairperson, Peerless-Trout First Nation Councilor	
	Bernadette Sharpe-arrived at 1:06 p.m.	Director, Loon River First Nation Chief	
	Sandy Whitehead	Director, Loon River First Nation Councilor	
	Billy Joe Laboucan	Director, Lubicon Lake Band Chief	
	Timothy Sawan	Director, Lubicon Lake Band Councilor	
	Jason Laboucan	Director, Lubicon Lake Band Councilor	
	Gladys Okemow	Director, Peerless Trout First Nation Chief	
	Corrine Alook	Director, Peerless Trout First Nation Councilor	
	Albert Thunder	Director, Whitefish Lake First Nation Chief	
	Darren Auger	Director, Whitefish Lake First Nation Councilor	
	James Nahachick	Director, Whitefish Lake First Nation Councilor	
	John Cardinal	Director, Woodland Cree First Nation Councilor	
	Edna Boucher	Director, Woodland Cree First Nation Councilor	
	OTHERS KTCEA AND KTC STAFF:	Colin Kelly	Consultant
		Daphne Mai'Stoina	Superintendent
		Pearl Calahasen	Deputy Superintendent
Yvonne Noskey		Secretary Treasurer	
Dan Smith		Senior Policy Advisor	
Melvina Thunder		HR Assistant	
Heather L'Hirondelle		Executive Assistant, KTCEA	
Al Rollins		Chief Executive Officer, KTC	
John Lee		Technical Services Advisor, KTC	
Veronica Thunder		Executive Assistant, KTC Admin.	
ABSENT/REGRETS	Isaac Laboucan-Avirom	Director, Woodland Cree First Nation Chief	

➤ Meeting Called to Order @ 9:24 a.m.

Topic	Discussion
OPENING PRAYER CHAIR	Delivered by Gilbert Okemow Ivan Sawan
AGENDA	<p><u>Motion #01-02-19-2019</u> Moved by Chief Thunder to accept the agenda with the following additions/changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Al requested the meeting of the KTCEA Board be suspended this afternoon for about 10 minutes to execute the KTC Tribal Council multi-year funding agreements • In-Camera Session • Agenda Item #5 will include the Secretary-Treasurer's report <p>Seconded by Sandy Whitehead. All In Favor. CARRIED.</p>
MINUTES	<p>Minutes of January 10, 2019 read by Yvonne Noskey</p> <p><u>Motion #02-02-19-2019</u> Moved by Chief Laboucan to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by Chief Okemow. All In Favor. CARRIED</p>

BUSINESS ARISING

- Clayton Kootenay of IKWC has expressed an interest to present to the KTCEA Board
 - Decision to invite Clayton to the next meeting
- Edna Boucher spoke about on-going behavioral issues at Cadotte Lake School and asked if it is dealt with at school or board level; the staff are frustrated and this item needs further discussion
 - Daphne explained this is two issues, age eligibility and behavioral/discipline issues. The Principal needs to address the behavioral and discipline issues. The eligibility issue is a policy issue; the committee meets tomorrow and discussed then. I understand your concern with behavioral issues; we will have to set up a meeting specific to your school.
 - Darren explained we have security personnel on-site and this curbs behavioral issues
- Question asked if there are any new developments with ISC for funding increase.
 - Al explained Yes, Dan will be on the Agenda to explain the funding formulas
- Al also explained Ryk Badger, Transportation Manager spent .5 million on buses that needed to be replaced immediately. Blair Cairns, ISC Education Manager has come up with 200 thousand dollars; we also told him we would be back to request more funding for buses.
- Chief Okemow suggested we invite CMHC individuals for a presentation on how to take care of your home. Al explained a curriculum presentation to classrooms would be a good idea.
 - Ivan said we will invite them to the next meeting
- John Cardinal explained the Cadotte School bus runs have been missing their runs because of minor mechanical issues, when busses are not running attendance drops
 - Ivan explained he's spoken to Ryk about on-going Transportation issues

Opening Remarks ~ Chiefs:

Chief Billy Joe Laboucan

- Pearl and I attended the Saskatchewan Career Fairs; we signed up five teachers and not sure how many accepted; we are constantly dealing with HR issues and suggested an overall HR Dept. to look after all the arms of KTC.

Chief Albert Thunder

- I appreciate the hard work our technician's do that makes our life easier. Land-based learning is amazing and feedback from parents is they are happy with the teachings; the students are learning as an example how to make bannock; I appreciate the fact we are teaching our students life skills; we always hear the negative. I always encourage members go out and get an education and come back and help our Nation.

Chief Okemow

- Good Morning, I greet you all this morning, education is very important and we need to be healthy. Our children should be taught to live in a traditional way i.e. hunting, trapping, making fire; many kids do not even know how to make fire; if they were in the wilderness, they would not know how. My grandchild has been attending the land-based learning camps and now knows how to fix rabbits, etc. learning lots through land-based learning. Thank you.

KTCEA Audit Presentation ~ Jon Garcia & Katherina Richard, MNP

- PowerPoint Presentation – Audit period ending August, 2018
- Jon explained the Financial Statement is in draft form until it is signed
- Al explained KTCEA is using the school year for the fiscal period September 01-August 31; and not what the Nations use as a fiscal year April 01-March 31

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Okemow asked if staff pay rent? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Al explained staff do pay rent. Teacherage rental revenue would go to maintain teacherages and any surplus would go back to Nations. • The Auditors make certain items are coded properly; this is financial assurance being provided. <p>Motion #03-02-19-2019 Moved by Sandy Whitehead to accept the financial statement as presented. Seconded by John Cardinal. All in Favor. CARRIED.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Break at 10:59 a.m. ➤ Reconvene at 11:17 a.m.
	<p>KTCEA Regional Education Agreement (REA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Al and Dan presented a PowerPoint Presentation of the REA Agreement • Chief Billy Joe Laboucan spoke about ensuring students complete High School, and being able to continue in PSE education and not fall off the edge. • Al said if the student can't transition to University then we need to act on this; for PSE and issues with Government and falling off the edge because of lack of funding this could be the next chapter we work on • Chief Laboucan explained this is what we spoke about for KTCEA. Have provision for students to continue and not leaving it for individual First Nations; we do not have that kind of funding. When Lubicon signed their agreement we went from four to 20 students for PSE; other Nations do not have this funding available. We also need to look at alternative ways of education delivery for students that do not fit the current classroom, land-based learning may address these issues • Dan said we do have commitments for future discussion for alternate delivery of education • Daphne further explained we have a High School redesign team working on alternative settings for students
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Break for lunch at 12:11 p.m. ➤ Reconvene at 12:28 p.m.
	<p>CONTINUED ~ KTCEA Regional Education Agreement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dan continued going through the draft REA agreement • Al spoke about the previous multi-core funding and this agreement is trending in the right direction for funding; acknowledge Dan for the work in helping with the work on the REA; • Al said it was frustrating to begin the negotiations but once it started it ended up very good; now we need to work on retention issues • Dan's recommendation is to pass a motion to approve the REA in principle and the working group to continue the final few text revisions as discussed and allow the Chairperson to execute the agreement; and ceremonial signing can take place in the Spring

	<p>Motion #04-02-19-2019</p> <p>Moved by Timothy Sawan that the KTCEA Board of Directors approve the KTCEA Regional Education Agreement, in principle, authorizing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the KTCEA working group to finalize the agreement with Indigenous Services Canada; • the KTCEA Board Chair to complete the administrative signing of the REA on behalf of the KTCEA Board of Directors; and • plan for a Spring ceremonial signing between KTC Chiefs and the Minister of Indigenous Services Canada <p>Seconded by Jason Laboucan. All in Favor. CARRIED.</p>
	<p>Atikameg School Renovation Update ~ John Lee, Technical Services Advisor, KTC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John explained the Atikameg School is approved for approximately 5 million dollars in renovation and to-date have spent 2 million; the school was built in 2001 • Renovations consist of upgrading mechanical work; ventilation control; classroom temperature control; interior and exterior doors; the electrical alarm system • Funding cycle is based on fiscal years and our hands are tied for scheduling; • Documents have been sent to Travis, KTCEA O/M Manager to explain schedule and what we are trying to achieve this fiscal year; • Atikameg is not the only schools we are renovating; CJS is receiving funding for a feasibility study and will keep you posted • Cadotte Lake school is pretty well finished with renovations; I believe we can do more for that school but happy we received funding to upgrade based on priority • Al thanked John and your observation with the schools have been invaluable • John said I will continue to work for KTC and an extension of KTCEA. If I fail than everyone fails. The health and safety concern for students is the highest priority. • Complete at 1:22 p.m.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Meeting suspended at 1:23 p.m. ➤ Reconvened at 1:59 p.m.
	<p>Superintendent Report – Daphne Mai’Stoina</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PowerPoint Presentation • Daphne briefly spoke about the High School Redesign plan; Paul Neethling, Gwena Cunningham, Audrey Breaker and Donna Barrett are working on this project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gwena & Paul spoke via teleconference and explained how courses are being delivered <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chief Laboucan said Thank you and good job! ○ Gwena invited the Board members to the school anytime to watch the students learning – it is fabulous! ○ Daphne thanked Gwena & Paul ○ Parent meetings for High School Redesign are taking place in March, spread the word • Annual Winter Wilderness Camp this week and leadership is invited Thursday, February 21 • Daphne provided an update on Central office Staff changes:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sherry Cardinal has stepped down from the Executive Assistant position and will be the Receptionist; ○ Heather L'Hirondelle is the Executive Assistant for KTCEA; ○ Carmen Parent has been seconded by AB Ed and she is managing the Structural Readiness proposal <p>Motion #05-02-19-2019 Moved by to Chief Sharpe to accept the Superintendents report as presented. Seconded by Sandy Whitehead. All in Favor. CARRIED.</p>
	<p>In-Camera Session</p> <p>Motion #06-02-19-2019 Moved by Chief Sharpe to go in-camera at 2:36 p.m. Seconded by. All in Favor. CARRIED</p> <p>Motion #07-02-19-2019 Moved by to go out of camera at 3:24 p.m. Seconded by All in Favor. CARRIED.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Break at 3:25 p.m. ➤ Reconvene at 3:32 p.m.
	<p>Deputy Superintendent Report – Pearl Calahasen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Power Point Presentation ● Pearl explained we are incorporating cultural questions when interviewing ● Land-based learning is catching on and AB Ed has said KTCEA is the cornerstone of land-based teaching ● We attended the AFN Education Directors forum and there is lots of interest in our authority and how important it is; leadership need to sell it; how you got here and where you are going <p>Motion #08-02-19-2019 Moved by Chief Okemow to accept the Deputy Superintendents report as presented. Seconded by Jason Laboucan. All in Favor. CARRIED.</p>
NEXT MEETING DATE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● March 14, 2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Request from Chief Thunder to have meeting closer to home
ADJOURNMENT	<p>Motion #-09-02-19-2019 Moved by to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 p.m. Seconded by. All in Favor. CARRIED.</p>
CLOSING PRAYER	<p>Provided by Chief Thunder</p>