

134: ABORIGINAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (P)

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POLICY

The Board of Education believes that the education of Aboriginal learners is enhanced by meaningful and regular consultation with and input from the local Aboriginal community. The Board endorses the formation of the Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee to assist the Board of Education in meeting the needs of Aboriginal learners.

REGULATIONS

1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of the Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee includes:

- 1.1 liaison with local first nations and the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council;
- 1.2 advice into the development of Aboriginal Education programs;
- 1.3 advice as to the expenditure of supplemental aboriginal education funds;
- 1.4 provision of resource people with respect to cultural, educational and governance concerns;
- 1.5 advice as to the development and monitoring of the Aboriginal Enhancement Agreement,
- 1.6 and advice and support to the District answering the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission that pertain to education.

2.0 COMPOSITION

One representative from Ucluelet First Nation
One representative from Tseshaht First Nation
One representative from Hupacasath First Nation
One representative from Tlaoquiat First Nation
One representative from Ditidaht First Nation
One representative from Huu-ay-aht First Nation
One representative from Toquaht First Nation
One representative from Uchucklesaht First Nation
One representative from Ahousaht First Nation
One representative from Hesquiaht First Nation

Two representatives of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council
One representative from the Port Alberni Metis Association
One representative from the Port Alberni Friendship Centre
Three trustees from SD 70 (Alberni)
Superintendent or designate
District Principal – Aboriginal Education
One representative from the PVPA
One representative from the Alberni District Teachers Union

The committee will be co-chaired by a Board of Education representative and a Aboriginal representative.

3.0 TIME OF MEETINGS

The Committee will meet at the call of the Chair.

4.0 COMMITTEE OBJECTIVES

- 4.1 to develop and reinforce in Aboriginal students a strong aboriginal identity, pride in their heritage, and a feeling of self-worth as First Nations people;
- 4.2 to assist in the development of aboriginal education programs which enhance academic and vocational skills, while promoting personal, social and cultural growth;
- 4.3 to improve the learning environment at all levels of the school system so that Aboriginal students may gain maximum benefit from their formal education.
- 4.4 to increase the number of Aboriginal graduates able to gain immediate employment or develop work/career patterns;
- 4.5 to increase the number of Aboriginal graduates with skills of value in the development of their communities;
- 4.6 to establish structures through which Aboriginal people at the community level can define and implement their goals for education.