

Shared Learnings/Cultural Resource (SLCR) Committee
Thursday, October 21, 2010
MINUTES

Present: Tanya Niet, Veronica Bikadi, Georgina Nelson, Terry Daly, Louise Wick, Mary Elliot, Christine Fitzpatrick, Jan Chartrand, Kelly Linda-Smith, Sherri Cargoe, Kirsten Sollid, Larissa Parker, Charlene Williams, Deanna Lewis

Absent: Karen La Riviere, Diane Hart, Heather Quamme, Deann Palmer, Jeanette Green, Joy McCullough, Diana Billy, Art Harry, Michelle Beauregard, Chris Wells, Priscilla Richie

1) Aboriginal Education Presentation

--Juanita provided a presentation that focused on Aboriginal Education and key areas
--defined terms and highlighted key items in each area of Aboriginal Education
--the five areas are: cultural awareness, curriculum relevance, cultural pedagogy, learning environment, and community involvement

2) Learning Circle Activity

--each member completed the learning circle activity related to Aboriginal Education:
 What have I done?
 What has others done?
 What has the school done?
 What to do next?
--afterwards, each member shared what was in their circles esp. what to do next?

3) Aboriginal Education Rubric/Plan

--divided into five groups and members completed one section of the rubric
--reported out their section and completed the rubric together
--the plan is for each Shared Learning teachers to share the rubric at the next staff meeting and highlight where their school is at with regards to Aboriginal Education and the 5 areas to develop a baseline
--presently we have some ABED initiatives based on the SLCR 3 year plan that we will be putting in place for this school year
--in the spring the Shared Learning teachers will re-visit the ABED rubric to measure the progress from fall to spring in 2010-11
--in the spring the committee will also revisit the rubrics to highlight areas we should focus as a District for the 2011-12 school year and make recommendation for ABED initiatives based on the rubrics

4) Cultural Presentation Handbook

--Charlene Williams and Deanna Lewis proposed a new way of providing a cultural program in the Squamish Area schools
--they have developed a "Cultural Presentation Handbook" based on the Abbotsford School District model

- there is a variety of cultural presentations available at different grade levels for teachers to choose from for their class
- it was suggested that the Shared Learning teachers organizing the request forms for each school to make sure there is a fairness of selection(s), coordination of similar activities, prevention of duplicating, and possibly combining classes for some presentations
- after the Shared Learning teacher organizes the scheduling of cultural presentation then it will be faxed to Totem Hall
- other suggestions include:
 - including secondary focused workshops
 - let the teachers know if the session was already done
 - varying levels per topic
 - time allotment per school be divided up over the different seasons i.e. 2 weeks in fall then 2 weeks in the spring
 - ask students before selecting a presentation
 - adapt stories to different grade levels – customize to the different grade levels
- Final note--Shared Learnings teachers – please share the handbook with your staff and pass along additional feedback to Charlene and Deanna

5) Aboriginal Education Initiatives

- from our three year plan several Aboriginal Education initiatives have been developed and funding secured
- the ABED initiatives that we will be working on this year include:
 - Residential School Curriculum
 - Aboriginal kits—expanding and developing
 - Parent initiative
 - Aboriginal literacy project
 - Cultural presentations
 - Develop Sko-mish Book Strategies (to accompany legends)
- the committee signed up for 1 of the initiatives
- the sub-committees met to start developing an action plan and to set a meeting date
- the Cultural Presentation group will be meeting on Friday, Dec. 3rd @ 12 noon @ HSS
- the Residential School group will be meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 8th from 12:30-3:00 p.m.
- others TBA
- the sub-committee will meet and work on the initiatives from October to May
- in May the Shared Learning/Cultural Resource committee will come back together to share what each group has accomplished, share new ABED rubric info. and make plans for 2011-12

Meeting adjourn

