



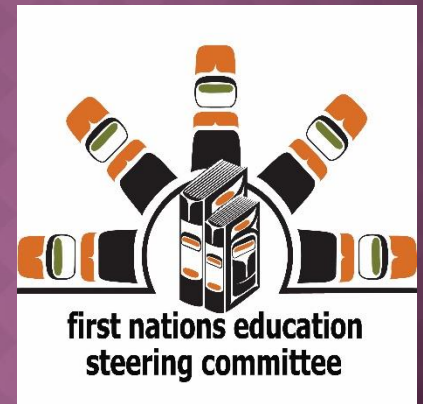
SEABIRD ISLAND BAND EDUCATION JURISDICTION



“Power Over Our Own Education”

“We Can Succeed Without Having to
Change Who We Are” MARCH 2009

INDIAN CONTROL OF INDIAN EDUCATION



FIRST NATIONS JURISDICTION OVER EDUCATION SIGNING CEREMONY

JULY 5, 2006

Signing of Landmark Agreement in First Nations Education in BC



On July 5th, 2006,
Representatives of First Nations
and the Federal and Provincial
Governments signed an
agreement in recognition of the
right of First Nations peoples to
make decisions about the
education of their learners.

JURISDICTION AGREEMENT

- The Jurisdiction

Agreement sets out the responsibilities of Canada, BC and FNEESC and the steps they will take so that First Nations will be able to exercise jurisdiction over K-12 on-reserve education.



RECIPROCAL TUITION

What does reciprocal tuition mean?

On November 6th, 2009 FNEESC and Province has signed an Agreement to pay first nations schools tuition for off reserve first nation and non status students attending our school.

Seabird will be receiving tuition for 10 students 2010.



SEABIRD ISLAND EDUCATION JURISDICTION UPDATE

INFORMATION SESSION 2009

- March 09- Are You Smarter Than A 5th Grader
- April 09- Seabird Island Band Open House
- Nov 29th/30th/ Bonnie Eugene FNEESC Jurisdiction Coordinator- was invited out to put on a presentation for our Community Member's as well as our Chief and Council/Education Committee.
- Dec 15th, 2009- What does Education Jurisdiction Mean to You?

UPCOMING INFORMATION SESSIONS

- January 27th - Lets Talk Education Jurisdiction 6pm-8:30pm
- February 13th- Education Jurisdiction Is Where MY Heart Is 6pm-8:30pm
- March 10th - Education Jurisdiction Battle of the Sexes 6pm - 8:30 pm

AT EACH EVENT THERE ARE GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON

CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

- Jan 25th and 26th Governance Training
- ONGOING- Continuing Capacity Building, Education Jurisdiction Law, Education Jurisdiction Protocol, CEA, FNEA

DECEMBER 15TH, 2009

HIGHLIGHTS

INFORMATION SESSION SEABIRD ISLAND BAND GYM

**THEME: WHAT DOES EDUCATION JURISDICTION
MEAN TO YOU?**

A number of community members have attend this information session, they came together to discuss and provide their input on what education jurisdiction mean to them.

What Does Education Jurisdiction Mean To You?

- *Taking control over your own Education*
- *Making education better for future generations*
- *Learning about our language Halqemeylem*
- *First Nations have a different learning style*
- *Means parental input on their child's learning*
- *Teacher/Parent working together for children's education success*
- *Having a say of what is in our school's*
- *School's curriculum*
- *Setting standards that is ours in regards to Teacher Standards and Curriculum Standards etc...*

How will your children and grandchildren benefit from Education Jurisdiction?

- *Better Success Rate*
- *More Choices*
- *Off reserve children will now have the opportunity to attend our school*
- *Learning our own language*
- *Making a stronger voice for our people*

How can we help share the Education Jurisdiction information among the community?

- *Have more of a presence at our school*
- *Family themed event*
- *Facebook page*
- *Texting through the cell phone (updates)*
- *Arrange a dinner (Family by Family)*
- *FNESC Dvd playing in the Foyer*
- *Make a Dvd*
- *Blogs*
- *Newsletter geared towards Kids and Adults*
- *Have kids at the School or in the community act as a reporter*
- *Circulate FNESC website minutes (in regards to other activities)*
- *Alternate Information Sessions*

How to get more of our community members out to attend more of our information sessions?

- *Have a cultural field trip attached*
- *Issue a passport punch card (after a certain number of information sessions have the person with the most punches win a grand prize)*
- *Have more information circulated through the school*
- *Present information at other community events (Christmas Concert etc..)*
- *Maybe have some sort of commercials played during other events*
- *Simplify all the education jurisdiction information so that it appeals to all age categories.*
- *More Inter-active*
- *No Acronyms*
- *More Colorful / More Fonts / Straight Forward*

What Activities would you like to attend?

- *Presentations (Movie Trip) (set-up a presentation and afterwards take them out to a movie)*
- *Grade level competition.*
- *Activities geared towards certain age groups (8-12 / 13-18 / 19-55)*
- *Games for the children to play*
- *Yearly work plan*
- *Meet on the same night per month*
- *Poster's of events*
- *Create School Activities for our School (Competition for the students)*
- *Have Little Kids make little booklets*
- *Use the Soccer Coaches (have them write EJ quotes on the Soccer Calls during Practice)*
- *Have a Halqemeylem Event*
- *Education Jurisdiction Week in the summer program*
- *Provide Halqemeylem CD to our community*
- *Provide information to the community in regards to taking Halqemeylem at the College Level*
- *Education Jurisdiction For a Day at the Community School*
- *Give our language CD's as Door Prizes*

Right Now would you Vote YES in an education jurisdiction referendum?

- *Need more information*
- *Membership needs to feel ready for Education Jurisdiction*
- *Need to survey community members*
- *Provide community with USB memory sticks loaded with Education Jurisdiction Information*
- *Provide a Grand Prize such as a Laptop already loaded with education jurisdiction information*

Community Members that attended the education jurisdiction event on December 15th, 2009- have a chance to win \$100 dollar gift certificate of their choice, if they bring 2-3 community members to our next info session on January 27th, 2010.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE FOLLOWING...

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MESSAGE TO SEABIRD ISLAND BAND MEMBERS

Seabird Island Band is in active negotiations with the federal government of Canada aimed at returning the control of K-12 on-reserve education to the local community.

When an agreement is reached, Seabird Island Band will have up to 3 years to "pilot" Jurisdiction,; *however it will not commit to it until the agreement is ratified by a community vote.*

This is an important change to educational governance and it WILL require your input.

FUNDING NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE



- Negotiations still in progress with the Government of Canada, the funding that was offered was not adequate for our school and has been rejected by the First Nations negotiating team.
- FNEESC and the negotiators are negotiating for comparative funding that would include funding for language and culture.