SCHOOL DISTRICT #60 (PEACE RIVER NORTH) COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

"REGULAR" MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2021 1:30 P.M.

Present: Helen Gilbert, Chair, Board of Education (via Zoom)

Ida Campbell, Trustee Erin Evans, Trustee Bill Snow, Trustee

Stephen Petrucci, Superintendent Angela Telford, Secretary Treasurer Leah Reimer, Recording Secretary

Guests: Michele Wiebe, PRNTA President

Regrets: Madeleine Lehmann, Vice-Chair

Nicole Gilliss, Trustee

David Scott-Moncrieff, Trustee

*NEW – K-12 Sector Guidelines for Vaccination Policies (Attachment)

Helen Gilbert, Board Chair

- Attached document has been released to the public
- Our board is in the early stages of looking at the document
- No timelines have been set as we're still waiting for information to come to us
- We need to look at this decision in a diligent/considered way (ie. legally, contractually, operationally, as well as human rights issues)

Education

Education Update

Stephen Petrucci, Superintendent

Equity Scan (Attachment)

Carleen Andrews. Director of Instruction

- Presentation was made and questions from trustees were fielded
- Carleen will send the Governance Equity Scan survey to trustees for them to fill out and submit

Framework Presentations

Indigenous Education (Attachment)

Pat Jansen, Administrator - Indigenous Education

Presentation was made and questions from trustees were fielded

Key Learning Centre/Buick Creek School

Norbert Kaspar, Administrator Sean Thomas, District Vice-Principal

Presentation was made and questions from trustees were fielded

Governance

Annual Work Plan 2021-2022

Helen Gilbert, Board Chair

- Living document that keeps the board on track...can add other things as they come up
- Added three time frames for Board Pro-D...will potentially be follow-up topics from conferences, financial literacy, etc.
- The Secretary-Treasurer is working on an annual work plan as well

Human Resources

None

Operations

Operations Report (Attachments)

Angela Telford, Secretary-Treasurer

- Third Party Protocols are for non-profits using the facilities; the district is not allowing commercial users at this time
- Concrete vandalism was done on "new" concrete that wasn't quite set
- Bert Ambrose construction updates City has said it is getting close but they won't be doing any paving this year
 - ACTION: Angela will reach out to the City for more concrete details on completion
- Safety Talks if trustees have any ideas on safety talks, let district staff know

Trustee Evans left the meeting @ 2:52 p.m.



Territorial Acknowledgment



 We recognize that we are living and learning on the traditional territory of the TSAA? CHE' NE DANE (Dane-zaa) within Treaty 8.





Learning ultimately supports the well-being of the self, the family, the community, the land, the spirits, and the ancestors (First Peoples Principles of Learning)

Shape of the Session

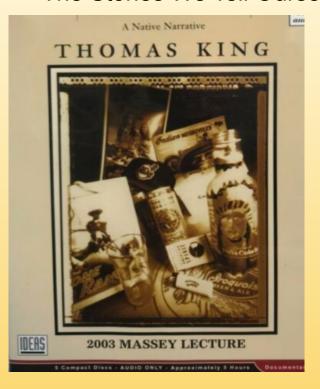
- Check In
- The Power of Story
- Equity Scan
 - What
 - Why
 - How
 - Plan Moving Forward

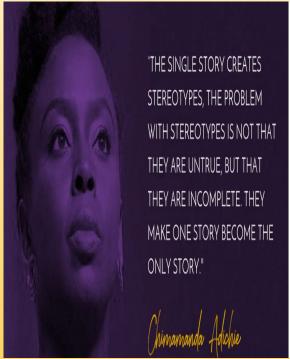
Meeting Norms

- Stayed engaged
- Listen for understanding
- Speak your truth
- Experience discomfort
- Expect and accept non-closure
- Take risks



The Stories We Tell Ourselves





"Stories are wondrous things.
And they are dangerous. For once a story is told, it cannot be called back. Once told, it is loose in the world. So you have to be careful with the stories you tell.
And you have to watch out for the stories you are told. " (Thomas King, The Truth About Stories, 2003)

The 2003 CBC Massey Lectures,
"The Truth about Stories: A Native
Narrative"

<u>Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie: The danger of a single story</u>

Reflection

Whose knowledge systems are valued in Canada

Whose voice is valued?

Who makes decisions within our system?

What is mandated in our systems?

Continuum of Understanding

Where are you on the continuum below? What has been your journey in Indigenous Education? How do you lead with moral imperative and purpose?



Awareness Knowledge

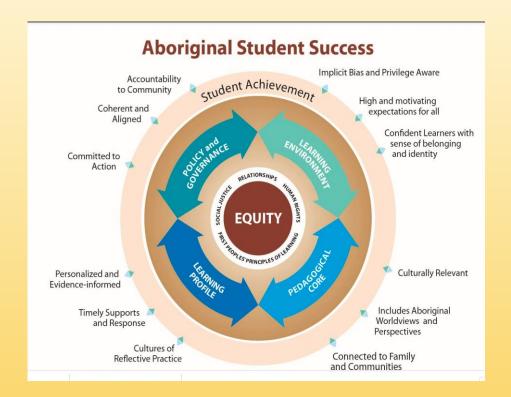
Skill

Action/Advocacy

Equity Scan - What

The Equity Scan defines a collective and collaborative decision making process for school districts to enter into a genuine and meaningful self assessment dialogue about the experience of education for Indigenous learning and to respond in strategic ways to create conditions of success. (BC Ministry of Education, 2020).

Equity Scan - What



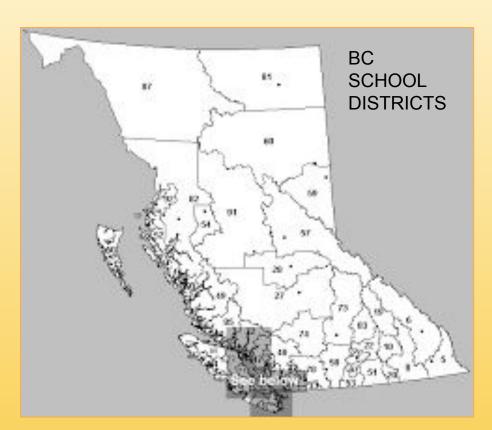
In 2016 the BC Ministry of Education created an Equity Scan Framework and vision to support school districts in identifying promising practices as well as barriers that are impacting Indigenous student achievement and success (BC Ministry of Education, 2021).

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EhfB_rg
CQpE

PROVINCIAL EQUITY SCAN 2021 - Video

Joseph Heslip
Secondee, Field Liaison,
Indigenous Education
Ministry of Education

Equity 2021 v2.mp4



Local Education Agreements/Equity Scan

A recap...

- Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement
- Truth & Reconciliation Calls To Action
 Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada
- B.C. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act
- B.C.'s Implementation of the UN Declaration
- <u>DRAFT ACTION PLAN</u>
 <u>Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act Province of British Columbia</u>
- PROGRESS AUDIT: THE EDUCATION OF ABORIGINAL STUDENTS IN THE BC PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM
- Professional Standards for BC Educators Standard 9
 - Educators respect and value the history of First Nations, Inuit and Metis in Canada and the impact of the
 past on present and the future. Educators contribute towards truth, reconciliation and healing. Educators
 foster a deeper understanding of ways of knowing and being, histories, and cultures of First Nations, Inuit
 and Metis.

Truth and Reconciliation Commission-TRC Why can't they just get over it? vs Why can't they just remember it?

Legacy of Residential Schools - "designed to kill the Indian in the child"

For over a century, the Indian Residential School system in Canada violated the rights of First Nations, Inuit and Métis children. Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) was established in 2008 with the goal of contributing to truth, healing and reconciliation.

(Canadian Museum of Human Rights, 2018)



TRC Mini Documentary - Senator Murray Sinclair on Reconciliation

Calls to Action

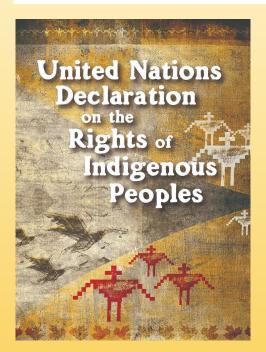


BC Tripartite Agreement

On July 1, 2018, the Government of Canada, Government of British Columbia and FNESC (First Nations Education Steering Committee) signed the BC Tripartite Agreement, setting the foundation for further growth and changes to sport the improvement of BC's First Nations education system.

- BCTEA is a 5 year agreement
- BCTEA includes new and strengthened process to support First Nations students
- BCTEA includes new and significant funding for BC First Nations education, including funding for:
 - Language and Culture
 - Transportation
 - Technology

DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES ACT



The provincial government passed the <u>legislation</u> in November **2019** to implement the UN Declaration, which the Truth and Reconciliation Commission confirms as the framework for reconciliation.

The B.C. <u>Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples</u>
<u>Act</u> aims to create a path forward that respects the human rights of Indigenous peoples while introducing better transparency and predictability in the work we do together.

Equity Scan - How

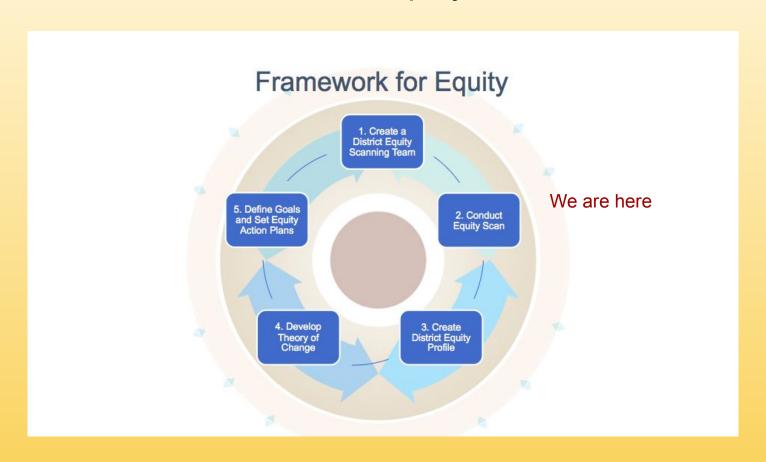


- Background Knowledge/History
- Complete an equity scan Identify promising practices, barriers and challenges
- Construct an Equity Profile
- Determine a Theory of Change
- Develop an Equity Action Plan in service to Indigenous learners, families, and communities

Equity Scan - How

- Conduct the Scan and Develop a Profile
 - Guided Inquiry Questions (32 questions) and Rubrics in four Quadrant Areas
 - Policy and Governance
 - Learning Environment
 - Pedagogical Core
 - Learning Profile
- The Equity Scan process will be conducted through a combination of focus group meetings and surveys in the 2021/2022 school year

Where Are We in the Equity Scan Process?



SD60 Equity Team Members

- Indigenous Right Holders (BRFN, DRFN, HRFN and Metis Nations BC)
- Indigenous Community Agencies (Nenan, Friendship Centre, Nenas)
- Indigenous Community Members (Elders, Parents)
- Indigenous Student Equity Scan Council Members
- Teacher Staff (PRNTA)
- Support Staff (CUPE)
- District Indigneous Principal
- Superintendent
- Director of Instruction
- Trustee
- Principal/Vice Principal

Ministry of Education JOE HESLIP EQUITY ACTION w/ Committee Members Oct 2, 2020



April 23, 2021



Dr. Niigaan Sinclair



Training on Truth and Reconciliation in the Classroom

Dr. Niigaanwewidam James Sinclair is an Anishinaabe scholar, activist, writer, and commentator. In addition to leading discussions on *Truth and Reconciliation* across Canada; since 2012 Niigaan Sinclair has been a member of the Department of Native Studies at the University of Manitoba where he is currently an Associate Professor. Dr. Sinclair regularly contributes to discussions surrounding Indigenous issues on CBC, CTV, and APTN.





PRIZES

- iPads
- AirPods
- Books
- Educational & Cultural Supplies, etc.

Must be on-line to receive!!!

Two Sessions: 8:45 am - 11:45 am and 12:15 pm - 3:15 pm

Limited Numbers per Session: Zoom Link will be Provided via Administration

Recommendations from 2019 Indspire Conference SD60 Teaching Attendees

Niigaan's presentation on Truth and Reconciliation is transformational and a must for all educators. "Climbing the Mountain" creates and supports deep and meaningful conversation for students and teachers alike.

Sarah Elson-Haugar

Niigaan Sinclair extends his teachings in a way that allows for educators to gain awareness from his own personal experiences, provides a space for constructive collaboration amongst colleagues, as well as giving concrete strategies on how to incorporate Truth and Reconciliation into the classroom. Niigaan Sinclair's passion to address the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission inspires those around him to become participants in the reconciliation process; and help to make a better future for all Canadians.

Melanie Carew

Christopher Neufeldt

This workshop will be held in accordance with the current

Provincial Health & Safety Guidelines

District wide Pro D provided to educators/ support staff (650 in attendance) on Truth and Reconciliation and how to begin incorporating TRC into the classroom.

Equity Scan Project

'Where I'm From"

1. Think back to your childhood:

Where did you live?
Who were your neighbours?
Games you played?
What foods do you remember?
What kinds of things did you do?
What sayings were spoken?
What messages did you receive about differences (e.g. race,gender, sexual orientation, class, religion, ability)?

- 2. Brainstorming
- 3. Begin Writing



NPSS Students - A Personal Measure of Success



A Personal Measure of Success

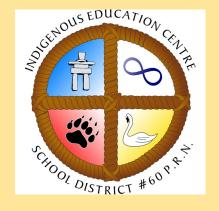
Equity Scan Survey

How do we conceptualize equity?

How do we get equity in action?

Indigenizing

Decolonizing



Indigenous Education Centre

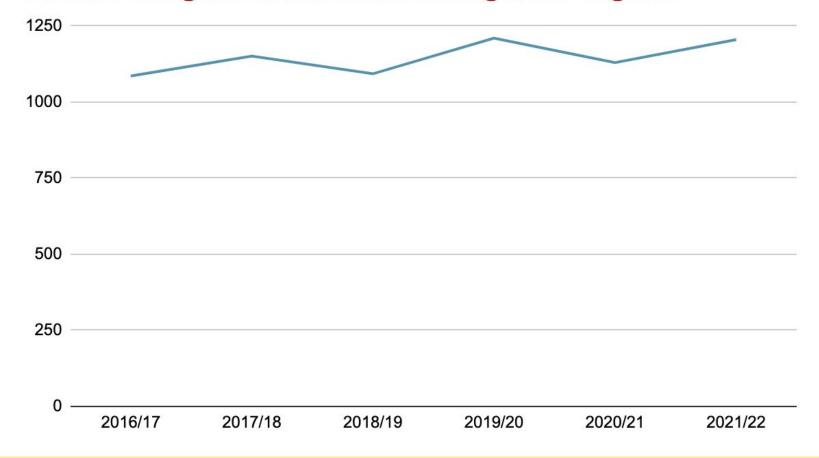
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FRAMEWORK FOR ENHANCING STUDENT LEARNING

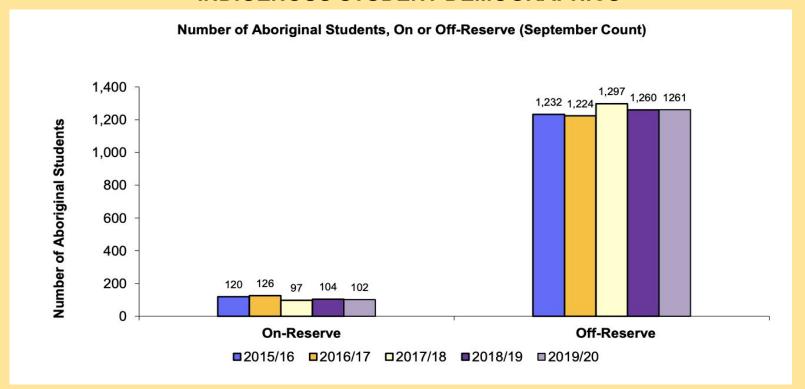
MISSION STATEMENT

The 2016-2021 Enhancement Agreement goal is to have all Aboriginal students graduate to pursue their passions, interests and reach their fullest potential.

SD 60 # Indigenous Students in Targeted Program



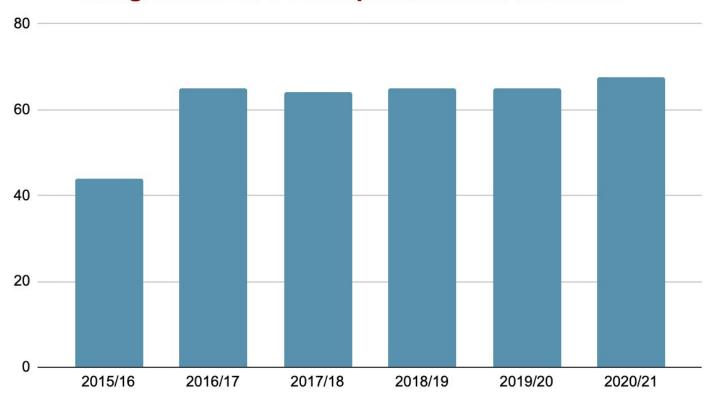
INDIGENOUS STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS



2021/22 - 1205 Indigenous Students - targeted funding program (highest)

- 20% of the whole school population

Indigenous Six-Yr Completion Rate 2015-2021





Three Indigenous Ed Centre Goals:



1. Improve the sense of well being of all Indigenous students

2. All students - will increase their awareness and understanding of local Indigenous histories and cultures

3. To improve graduation rates (Dogwood), post secondary opportunities and career choices for all Indigenous students. Improve transitions in grades 9-12

1. Well Being of all Indigenous Students



Sense of Belonging

- Attendance
- Strong identity
- Relevant learning
- Confidence
- Trauma informed

<u>Safety</u>

- Space
- Welcoming room
- StrugglingStudent protocol
- Equity in Action

Relationships

- All school staff
- Counselors
- Learning Journeys
- parents/guardians siblings

Community

- Role models
- Home visits
- Equity
- LEAs
- Transition post-secondary









Hudsons Hope





Goal 1 - Wellness

Program Performance Indicators

ASSESS TOOL

SENSE OF BELONGING SURVEY

TRANSITION ACTIVITIES

2. Local Indigenous Histories & Culture -all students!



Blueberry Elder May Apsassin Doig Day 2019

Culture & Language Teacher

- Lessons & Units
- Curriculum
- Elders in Residence
- Language
- Land base learning

Events

- National Indigenous TRC
- National Indigenous Day
- Metis & Inuit
- Indigenous Curriculum Day
- Ab Veterans Day

Indigenous Staff

- Cultural
- Language promotion
- Pro-D inservices
- Supporting teachers
- communication

Community

- Elders in Residence
- Home visits
- Equity Scan
- Doig Day
- Drum & Dance Program

Local Histories & Cultures ...



It started w/two voices - Leah & Bailey Gauvin

Dr Kearney team: Sandra Gunn, Tanya Braun, Matt Logan, Hailey Irwin & Ginger Alexander





Doig Day 2018, Rick Phillip's picture



Charlie Lake Cave - Ch. Lk students

Goal 2 - Culture & Language - "All students"

Program Performance Indicators

ASSESS TOOL

SENSE OF BELONGING SURVEY

TRANSITION ACTIVITIES

3. Academic Dogwood Graduation, Career Options



Graduation

- Dogwood
- Strong identity
- FSA results
- HAWD
- RTI process

Post Secondary

- College/University
- Transition process
- Course selections
- Bursaries/ Scholarships

Relationships

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- Transition Coaches
- StrugglingStudent protocol

Career Options

- NLC visits
- Career Program Cordinator contacts
- Prerequisites
- Trades











Goal 3 - Academic

Program Performance Indicators

HAWD Report

ASSESS

Response to Intervention (RTI)



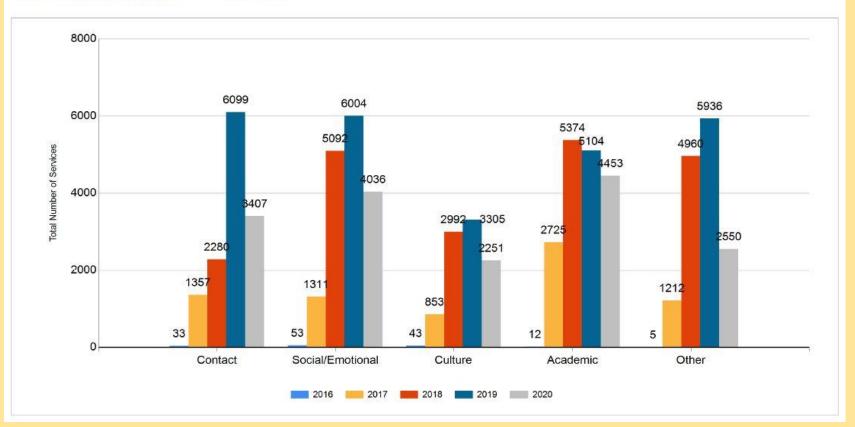
Aboriginal Report 2015/16 - 2019/20 How Are We Doing?

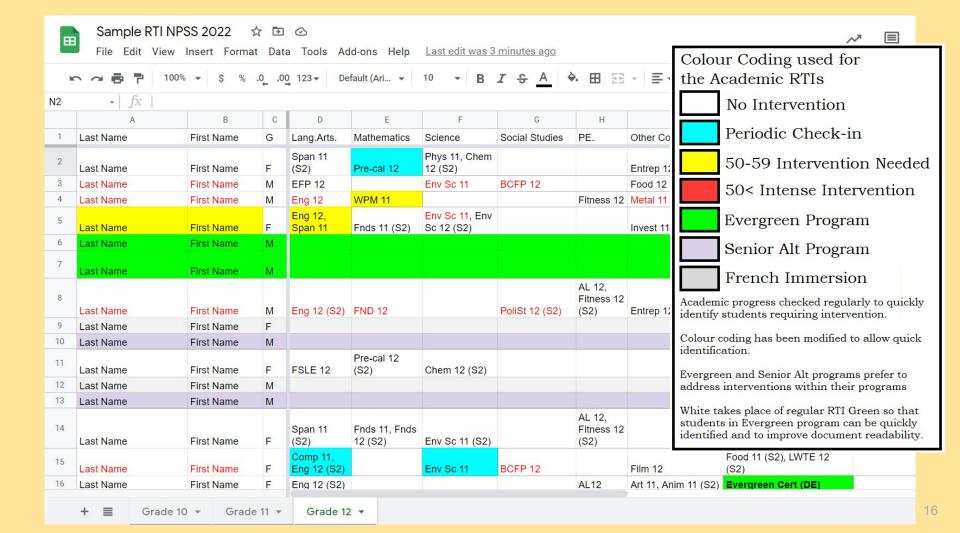
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ASSESS - INDICATOR OF STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICE 2016-2020

Aboriginal Services Summary Trending Report

Collection Month: All Months For: District





Local Education Agreement First Nations Student Support Process North Peace Secondary School

> Follow Up in two weeks -Positive change? What next? Document in ASSESS.

> > STEP 4

Notes are provided to Administration, IEC office and LAT. Outcomes are discussed with Administration, special focus on attendance and achievement and subsequent planning - strategies for success

- School/Child/Parent/Band.
- * Activate Course Withdrawal / Re-entry Process, if situation warrants.

In cooperation with VP the IST, or Parent/Guardian, request a solution focused meeting. Other education professionals and/or parental supports may attend. Document in ASSESS.

STEP 3 (Six or More Absences)

Struggling

Student

STEP 1 (One to Three Absences)

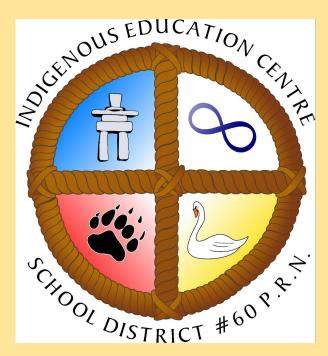
Classroom teacher (CT) verifies student is on Indigenous Student List (either through MyEd or via the NPSS Indigenous Support Team). CT gathers information regarding attendance, achievement and any concerning behaviours. CT discusses situation with the student and ensures NPSS Indigenous Support Team is aware of student's academic situation.

STEP 2 (Continued Absences)

In cooperation with CT the Indigenous Support
Teacher (IST) communicates with parents/guardians.
If not possible, the IST contacts the Band Education
Coordinator. CT and Indigenous Support Teacher note
processes followed and all outcomes on ASSESS
Notes. Student situation is discussed at the weekly
Indigenous School Based Team Meeting and NPSS
Counsellor, IEC Counsellor, Tutorial contacted as
required.

Disclaimer: some steps may be omitted if a solution is apparent

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