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**MONTHLY REPORT MAY Debra Fisher, Region 4 Director (Kootenay)**


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**Minister:**

 Children and Families  
 Education (Early Years)

**Committees:**

 Emergency Preparedness  
 Social and Community Services  
 Youth Engagement

**Appointed:**

 Provincial Task Force Team  
 "In Plain Sight"

**MNBC Board Meetings:**

May 7	Métis Nation BC General Assembly
May 7	Cabinet Briefing
May 8	Métis Nation BC General Assembly
May 14	Supreme Court Decision
May 14	MNBC Legal Team Debrief
May 17	MNBC Legal Team Briefing
May 20	Special BOD with President Clara Morin Dal Col – Declined
May 20	Regular BOD

**MNBC Senior Directors and Staff:**

Twice a week or more, Jack Miller, Sr. Director (Métis Nation BC, Children & Families)  
 Twice a week or more, Colleen Hodgson, Sr. Director (Métis Nation BC, Education & Early Years)  
 Bi-weekly basis Early Years Navigators Team (Métis Nation BC, Education & Early Years)

**Committee and Community Meetings:**

May 3	Provincial Task Force Team – Pre-Meeting (In Plain Sight)
May 5	Métis Children and Families Gathering (Agencies)
May 5	MNBC Executive – (Regional Issues)
May 6	BC Greens Leader – Sonia Fursteneau – 1:1 As Minister of Children and Families
May 10	SD#6- J Alfred Laird Elder Visit - All Day – 2 Beading Classes
May 10	Ktunaxa/Kinbasket Children and Families – MNBC Children and Families
May 11	SD#6- J Alfred Laird Elder Visit - All Day – 2 Beading Classes
May 11	Region 4 (Kootenay) Round Table Meeting
May 12	MNBC Ministry of Children and Families with Bart Knudsgaard, Policy Lead, Directors Forum Secretariat, BC Aboriginal Child Care Society
May 12	Provincial Task Force Team (In Plain Sight) Historic First Meeting
May 13	Strategic Planning – (Special Addition)
May 14	Métis Children and Families – Symposium Planning – Jennifer Hystad
May 15	Rocky Mountain Métis Association – AGM
May 17	Education Critic Planning Discussion
May 18	Métis Health Partnership Table
May 18	MLA Liberal Education Critic, Jackie Tegart – 1:1 As Minister of Education
May 18	MCFD Provincial Award of Excellence with Minister Chen and Minister Dean <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LyEs70bvpsE">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LyEs70bvpsE</a> Métis Nation BC Education Ministry – Métis Early Years WON!
May 19	#1 Métis Community Centre Engagement Sessions - Regions 5,6,7
May 20	#2 Métis Community Centre Engagement Sessions - Regions 3 & 4
May 21	Métis Early Childhood Educators Awards Check In
May 21	Provincial Task Force Team (In Plain Sight) #2
May 25	Métis Nation Greater Vancouver SD & Ministry of Education
May 25	1 <sup>st</sup> Métis Nation BC Provincial Recognition Program for Métis Early Childhood Education Professionals for 7 Regional Winners
May 26	Consultation meeting- Paul Pasco
May 26	Métis Nation BC First Virtual Awards Ceremony for Métis Early Childhood Educators
May 26	#3 Métis Community Centre Engagement Sessions – Regions 1 & 2
May 27	Métis Nation BC- Interior Health Committee MILT
May 31	Métis Youth Engagement Committee

### Children & Families Key Points:

- Our planning is almost complete for our Métis Nation BC, Ministry of Children and Family Symposium on June 8 & 9, Jack Miller, Senior Director, and I are working with the Howe Group on logistics and invites to Children and Family Partners and guests
- Continuing incredibly frustrating work towards Indigenous Governing Body (IGB) Status.
- We continue to identify and address ongoing issues of systemic racism in financial and policy related topics in BC Ministry of Children and Family Development against Métis Nation BC, Children and Families and Education.
- Meeting with the BC Greens Leader – Sonia Fursteneau on Children and Families issues. This led to conversations of the continual systemic financial and policy racism and funding issues for our Children and Families and Education Ministries. We agreed that this will be an ongoing discussion.
- MNBC Ministry of Children and Families met with Bart Knudsgaard, Policy Lead, Directors Forum Secretariat, BC Aboriginal Child Care Society. An excellent meeting with lots of resources and discussion. Bart and I have known each other for many years and worked together in my career with the school district and as a foster parent.

### Education & Early Years Key Points:

- Received on behalf as Métis Nation BC, Minister of Education, the BC MCFD Excellence in Partnerships Award in a provincial virtual ceremony with Minister Chen and Minister Dean. This award would not have happened if it were not for Senior Director, Colleen Hodgson, and her amazing team. Our staff are qualified, dedicated, and talented people. This team continues to grow and amaze me.
- Provincial Ministry of Education has committed to an Information Sharing Agreement and a draft agreement is being developed. This is a game changer for MNBC, as we will now be able to collect data on our Métis students. This is historic!
- Our meeting with MLA Liberal Education Critic, Jackie Tegart was very successful. Ironically, I went to Kindergarten and Elementary School with her late husband. We plan to continue our meetings on a quarterly basis as we have many vested common interests and concerns.
- It was privileged to be able to award the first ever recognition program for Métis Early Childhood Education Professionals across BC. It was a virtual event ceremony with Elder Bruce Dumont, and our incredible staff on May 26. We awarded 7 regional winners and had over 30 nominations! Again, historic, and so rewarding to give thanks to so many incredible Métis citizens doing the good work working with our precious children.
- 681 children enrolled in Métis Family Connections Program (481 families)
- 75 new children enrolled this reporting period
- 29 children enrolled in the Miyoopimatisihk (Wellbeing) Program
- 377 children enrolled in the Imagination Library Program
- 400 tiny voyageur books mailed out to Métis Family Connections families
- 60 Culture Welcome kits were mailed to new enrollments (87 children)