
MONTHLY REPORT JUNEDebra Fisher, Region 4 Director (Kootenay)

Minister:Children and Families
Education K-12 (Early Years)**Committees:**Emergency Preparedness
Social and Community Services
Youth Engagement**Appointed:**Provincial Task Force Team
“In Plain Sight”**MNBC Board Meetings:**

June 1	BOD Federal Budget Call
June 1	BOD Special
June 16	Executive Meeting
June 23 & 24	Board Retreat & Training
June 24	Presentation to Federal BC Liberal Caucus

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:

June 2	Métis Children and Families Gathering (Agencies)
June 3	SD# 6 Rocky Mountain Early Years Meeting #1
June 3	Provincial Task Force Team – (In Plain Sight)
June 4	Interview with CBC re: Early Years Program and Day Care in Kamloops
June 4	Local tour and meeting with Sr. Director Jack Miller
June 7	Provincial Task Force Team (In Plain Sight)
June 8	MNBC Ministry of Children and Families Symposium #1 (1 st Annual)
June 9	MNBC Ministry of Children and Families Symposium #2
June 14	Sr. Director Colleen Hodgson – Ministry Actions
June 15	Ministry of Education – Steering Committee Briefing
June 15	BC Minister of Education – Jennifer Whiteside – K-12 Education Recovery Plan
June 16	CEO Fontaine-Senior Director C & F
June 16	Executive Meeting
June 17	SD# 6 Rocky Mountain Early Years Meeting #2
June 22	Travel Day
June 25	Travel Day
June 28	SD#6 Rocky Mountain – Aboriginal Education Support Workers Job Description
June 29	MNBC Ministry of Education Staff Gathering
June 30	MNBC Ministry – Métis Family Gathering Planning
June 30	Ministry of Advanced Education – Aboriginal Service Plan

Our first face to face board retreat-training was a success however, it was very strange at the same time. I learned a lot about media and political insights and inner workings. The visit to the steps of our Parliament Buildings with the memorial of children was very moving. Thank you to Minister Dean Gladue for the Métis Sash to put on the Teddy Bear in memory of all our Métis citizens who attended Residential Schools and Day Schools...including our mothers. Thank you to our CEO Daniel Fontaine and Acting President Lissa Smith for providing this opportunity to learn and grow together as a board.

Children & Families Key Points:

- Policy Social Worker has been hired and starts in July
- Continue to build strong relationships with MCFD and our service providers
- Jack Miller, Senior Director will be visiting Regions to gain insight of need and expansion
- There is a lot of cross over from Ministry of Children and Families when it comes to children 0-8 years old. We continue to work with Colleen Hodgson and team to make what funding we do get stretch to as many children and families as possible.
- A media release was distributed to Premier Hogan and Prime Minister Trudeau and governments that reflected the inequity and lack of support we get. I will continue to put pressure on the government until they do their duty.
- There is a lot of Métis specific framework being done and planning towards our IGB Status

Education & Early Years Key Points:

- The province announced funding for the K-12 Recovery Plan and MNBC received \$40,000 with is .8% of the total Indigenous funding. A media release was distributed that reflected the inequity. We continue to put pressure on the government for Distinction Based Funding.
- Lack of capacity is a significant, ongoing challenge. MNBC's Ministry of Education continues to receive numerous requests from the Provincial Ministry to participate in policy discussions, meetings, working groups and committees: however, MNBC's Ministry of Education is not provided with the capacity required to engage in this work effectively.
- Until we have equity funding, we are continuing the systemic financial and policy racism that our provincial and federal governments do that hold our citizens and especially our children down.
- Received approval to proceed and attend a Metis Family Gathering in Chilliwack and funding announcement for Metis communities.
- Staff have completed the filming for Fort Langley educational video.
- I received a Metis Early Years Kit for review, and it is spectacular. Huge thank you to all the Education Staff at Metis Nation BC, such wisdom and talent.

June Métis Early Years

- 704 children enrolled in Métis Family Connections Program (499 families)
- 25 new children enrolled this reporting period
- 37 families enrolled in the Miyoopimatishihk (Wellbeing) Program (40 children)
- 5 children have aged out of Ministry of Children and Families this reporting period 😞
- 380 children enrolled in the Imagination Library Program
- 400 tiny voyageur books mailed out to Métis Family Connections families
- 80 Culture Welcome kits were mailed to new enrollments (104 children)
- 71 Aged Out Gifts sent out