

BATC Education

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BATC Education is comprised of five First Nations: Ahtahkakoop, Moosomin, Red Pheasant, Saulteaux and Sweetgrass. We officially came into existence with the signing of the *Educational Agreement* by our Chiefs on February 9, 2010. We established an Education Board and had our first meeting on April 27, 2010. BATC Education provides second level services, that is, services of a Director of Education, Speech and Language Pathologist, and Education Psychometrician, to our five First Nation's schools. We also coordinate applications for educational project funding such as Student Success and New Paths (see related up-dates).

Education Board Members:

The BATC Education Board is responsible for providing the overall guidance and direction for BATC Education. We have six appointed Education Board members, as well as one Elder serving our board as follows:

Ahtahkakoop - Vernon Greyeyes
Moosomin - Denise Poitras
Red Pheasant - Rene Wuttunee

Saulteaux – Gloria Katcheech
Sweetgrass – Gordon Whitecalf
Elder - Don Pooyak (non-voting)

BATC Chief's Representative - Chief Elliot Kahpeaysewat

BATC Education Staff:

Position	Name	Phone	Email
Superintendent/Project Manager	Barry Werth (P/T)	446-8201	barry.werth@batc.ca
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IT Systems Administrator	Dan Garvey	446-1418	dan.garvey@batc.ca
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Speech and Language Pathologist	Skye Blue Angus (contracted)		
Director of Education	Patrick Bugler	446-1411	pat.bugler@batc.ca

In addition, we have shared staff with BATC that include: Virginia Nicotine (Reception), Kathy Kissick (Director of Finance) and Brenda Wuttunee (Accounts Clerk)

First Nations Student Success Project (FNSSP):

With ACTC as our partner we have been approved for a three year project of which we are in our second year. For the 2011-2012 school year, our joint budget is 2.5 million dollars with BATC Education receiving 1.22 million dollars in funding. We have the following projects underway:

- 1) Language Arts:
 - a) Literacy Consultant;
 - b) Animated Literacy;
 - c) Repeated Readings;

- d) Picture Word Inductive Model (PWIM) (K-9);
 - e) School based Literacy/Math Mentors (Education Assistants).
- 2) Mathematics:
 - a) Mathematics Consultants;
 - b) Implement *Math Makes Sense* strategies and professional development(Grades K to 9).
 - 3) Guidance Counselors for career/personal counseling (3 positions shared between schools)
 - 4) Information Technology:
 - a) Systems Administrator and Systems Technician;
 - b) Maintain student data systems (*Open Admin*) and school/BATC Education servers;
 - c) Professional Development in educational technology.

New Paths:

Our New Paths funding for the 2011-2012 fiscal year is \$384,878. With these funds, BATC Education will provide the following:

- 1) BATC Cree Language and Culture Support:
 - a) Culture Support Coordinator (at BATC Education);
 - b) Provide materials and support in all schools for the Virtues Program;
 - c) Provide for Elders and Community Resource Support in all schools;
 - d) Provide a BATC wide Cultural Camp for students;
 - e) Provide Cree Language instruction support in all schools.
- 2) BATC Administrator Professional Development and Teacher Professional Support:
 - a) Administrator Professional Development to train our principals and administrators how to perform staff supervision.
 - b) Enhancement Coach to help do staff supervision and evaluation and work with teachers improving their professional practices.
- 3) Local Information Technology, Resource and Professional Development funding to assist schools in meeting their individual needs at the school level.
- 4) Career Enhancement Fund to provide financial assistance to school employees to further their education on a part-time basis while working with a BATC member school.

End Note:

As a relatively new educational organization, BATC Education will continue to grow and expand our services over time. We need your help as parents, grandparents, community members and students to assist us in strengthening our schools. Together we can make a difference in the education of our children.

Yours in Education,



Patrick Bugler - Director of Education