

Surrey Chapter, BCTLA

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## Chapter Meeting Minutes

### 1. Welcome:

Emiline welcomed the librarians to the meeting and the meeting began at 3:50

### 2. Guest speaker- Nadine McSpaden

- a. Nadine McSpaden, who has 15 years of experience in Aboriginal Education, spoke to the librarians in attendance about the Aboriginal content added to the new curriculum and about selecting appropriate Aboriginal resources to school libraries. She briefly discussed how Aboriginal resources were selected at the district level and she encouraged librarians to weed out any resources that depict aboriginal people in a disrespectful, stereotypical or outdated manner.
- b. She suggested the Strong Readers Set for elementary school libraries and she encouraged librarians to visit the FNEESC website and the Aboriginal Resource Centre when selecting resources for their libraries. She will also be forwarding some other useful links to Angela Monk to share with the rest of the librarians in the district.

### 3. Discussion about Resources with Regards to IRPs

- a. Some of the redesigned curriculum (e.g. world religions) has shifted from the secondary level to the elementary level. Although some grade appropriate resources could be eventually shared with feeder schools, Angela Monk suggested that we should not give any resources away yet. There will still be a need for a wide variety of resources for inquiry based projects in the future. Angela was unsure if there will be extra funding for new resources to compliment the new curriculum but she will look into this issue.
- b. Sarah further suggested that a committee should be formed to locate good online resources that will complement the curriculum and to create a suggestion list that teachers in the district could refer to.

### 4. Reminder about award nominations

- a. Emiline announced that we are looking for nominations for the Anne Monk Scholarship that can be used towards coursework and the Distinguished Teacher-Librarian Award that honors librarians for outstanding or cutting edge work in the district. More Information will be added to our website in the coming weeks.
- b. Emiline also reminded everyone that the visitation grant is also available and to contact our treasurer Linda if anyone was interested.

### 6. Adjournment

- a. Door prizes were distributed and the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.