



Lheidli T'enneh
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INDIGENOUS EDUCATION LEADERSHIP TABLE **NEWS**

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Members of the Indigenous Education Leadership Table (IELT) met today for the first time with the new SD57 Board of Education and senior staff members. The IELT is comprised of representatives of both the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation (LTFN) and the McLeod Lake Indian Band (MLIB). It was formed last Fall in response to the release of the Special Advisors' Report into challenges for Indigenous learners in SD57 and concerns about Indigenous and systemic racism.

Today's meeting allowed the new trustees to share a little about their history and experiences with the education system. They also shared their views about the Special Advisors Report and how SD57 and the IELT should move forward. Members of both groups expressed confidence the two groups can continue to work on and resolve some the key challenges faced by Indigenous learners in the district. The two groups will continue to meet monthly on a governance-to-governance basis.



Front Row L to R – Bev Best (SD57), Erica McLean (SD57), Jodie Ware (MLIB), Betty Bekkering (SD57), Pam Spooner (SD57).

Back Row L to R – Rod Solonas (MLIB), Joshua Seymour (LTFN), Crystal Gibbs (LTFN), Cindy Heitman (SD57), Mel Aksidan (LTFN), Craig Brennan (SD57), Kap Manhas (SD57), Gillian Burnett (SD57), Rachael Weber (SD57).