

# BULLETIN

April 2007



## ABORIGINAL EDUCATION COUNCIL SD#71

1. Presentation of the new research grant from the Canadian Council for Learning. This is applied research to look at meaning of Aboriginal education headed by Mary Lindsay from Malaspina University and Carrie Reid Mostly Salish Consulting.
2. Gail Martindale, the Aboriginal early intervention teacher presented on the enhanced academic support she provided in five elementary schools this year.
3. Secret of the Dance a new children's book from an Elder Alfred Scow and author Andrea Spalding, story on the banning of the potlatch and the survival of a culture. **Monday May 14 Big House 3320 Comox Rd 4-6pm register at the IHos gallery 339-7702**
4. Renegotiation of the Enhancement Agreement - focus group to meet April 27<sup>th</sup> to begin drafting the goals.
5. Tourism 11/12 curriculum has generated discussion of the process of involvement with Aboriginal curriculum development being clarified.
6. SD#71 Policies will be brought forward to the AEC by Janice Proudfoot in her role as liaison trustee
7. Liaison trustee report
  - o Assistant Superintendent position to be posted
  - o Committee of the Whole standing invitation to the AEC to attend or sit at the table as a partner
  - o School closure discussions starting next week
  - o Budget and staffing discussions are also this month
8. Full Day Kindergarten will stay with the half day model for next year
9. Ecole Robb Rd will have an Art Week April 16-20 with visiting Aboriginal artists and staff facilitating workshops in every classroom.
10. Reports were received for the 7 Cultural Enhancement grants in schools throughout the District.

