

## Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting Summary September 2008

**Thanks to everyone that could attend this meeting.**

### **Connecting the Dots/Comprehensive PD planning**

- Overview of role of ERLC in supporting implementation and connecting the dots based on your district direction, the consortium goals, and Alberta Education business plan and grant deliverables.
- **District sharing** highlighted approaches used to support teachers understanding about ways to support aboriginal student success. Group reinforced that it is “all about relationships” – especially with the aboriginal student, their family, cultural background and community. Conversation about the identification of the variety of adult audiences addressed in pd including: aboriginal liaison team members, teachers with no aboriginal students in class, teachers with a few aboriginal students in class and teachers that have many aboriginal students in class. Important to identify who the Pd is for.
- Those that attended will use “reply all” tool on email to **share and network** with others on committee. (e.g., Sharon thanks for sharing EPS website, Trevor thanks for sending the link to the Sask resources, Dorothy thanks for sharing database of resources from FMP, Fred thanks for sharing NG FNMI policy, Karen thanks to you and Paula for anything you will share!)
- ERLC **programs planned** include:
  - Cree language and culture sessions based on request to offer “sharing and networking” opportunities at schools that offer Cree. [www.eric.ca](http://www.eric.ca) – first session is on October 9<sup>th</sup> at Prince Charles (most suitable for liaison workers and teachers of Cree language and culture)
  - Alberta Education FNMI Mentoring Conference hosted on December 8 and 9<sup>th</sup> at River Cree. Presenters will focus on mentoring approaches that support aboriginal student success. Program planned to date includes: Susan Aglukark –most suitable for teachers, counsellors, administrators, liaison workers and community members of aboriginal students)
  - Alberta Education sessions on: Aboriginal awareness and others posted at [www.eric.ca](http://www.eric.ca) under aboriginal theme. ( most suitable for teachers, counsellors, administrators, liaison workers- see individual flyers)
- **Request for ERLC** to explore the following topics –*including via emerging technologies*.
  - Information about outreach programs – specifically as they model promising practices and approaches to K and E, CTS and the arts. **Consider delivering this session from VC sites. (e.g., Fort Vermillion presenters, access to districts in the region.)**
  - Offer networking sessions for liaison workers, face to face initially and then **consider emerging technologies**. (e.g., community of practice via VC)
  - **Martin Brokenleg “follow up” via VC** – based on mentoring messages shared at December conference – and how Dr. Brokenleg would respond.
- ERLC shared copies of the FNMI PD Resource developed 4 years ago that focuses on the goals of the Alberta Education project:
  - Barriers to community
  - Student achievement