



First Nations Parents Club 2023-2024 Grant Guidelines

Grant Information

The First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC) and the First Nations Schools Association (FNSA) are pleased to announce continued support for First Nations Parents Club activities through grants of up to \$6,250.00. Grants can only be provided to parent clubs that are associated with a BC First Nation or First Nations school. *A maximum of one grant will be allocated per First Nation per year.*

This initiative is intended to help achieve the Club's goal of supporting First Nations parents and the important role they play in the education of their children. The term "parents," intends to be inclusive of grandparents, family members, and other caregivers who contribute to the lives of First Nations children. The grant can be used to support activities such as in-person and virtual parent gatherings, guest speakers for parent workshops, and books/games/resources to encourage parental involvement and learning.

Eligibility

To be eligible, clubs must:

- Have a registered Parents Club with the FNESC and FNSA – if you'd like to register a new club, please reach out to parentsclub@fnesc.ca or complete the enrolment form through the following link: [23-24 Parents Club Enrolment/Update Form](#)
- submit a completed **Proposal Form** through the following online link [Parents Club Grant Proposal Form](#)
- have submitted their 2022-2023 First Nations Parents Club Grant final report, if the club received a grant in 2022-2023.

Cheques for Parents Club grants **will only be made payable to a BC First Nation or a First Nations school**. A maximum of one grant will be allocated per First Nation per year.

Grant Application Process

The proposal form deadline is **Wednesday, March 13, 2024** – again, proposal form is located through the following link [Parents Club Grant Proposal Form](#)

You can also find the form on both our websites at www.fnesc.ca under the 'Resources' tab, click 'parents club' or at www.fnsc.ca under the 'Programs' tab, click 'parents club'.

Once the proposal form is complete, you will submit via the submission button on the final page. You should receive a confirmation email that confirms your proposal has been successfully submitted and you'll also receive a pdf. copy of your proposal.

A review committee will meet, and a written response will go out to notify all applicants on the status of their proposal.

If you have any questions:

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Reporting Requirements

- All funded activities must be completed by **June 30, 2024**
- A Final Report is required by **July 5, 2024** briefly describing the funded activities and final costs
- Your club may not be eligible for future grants if the final report is not submitted

Ideas for Parents Club Activities

Please see some sample activities that you can use your grant toward, these are just ideas and can be modified to reflect your circumstances. Please note, Parents Clubs are not limited to the suggestions below, if you have other interesting activities to proposal please share within your proposal.

Activities to bring parents and schools closer together, such as:

- Hosting parent luncheons or evening events in schools, with guest speakers or other learning activities, possibly including participation from children, parents, teachers and Elders.
- Providing supports to promote parent participation in school activities, such as child care assistance, meals, refreshments, transportation to the school, etc.
- Sponsoring workshops or sessions with the school to share information about to help children with homework / home learning activities.
- Organizing family board game nights, or family recreation activities, or family arts and crafts nights, etc. held at the school.
- Efforts to promote parent volunteerism in schools, possibly including funding criminal record checks, or training for parents, or prizes/gifts to recognize volunteers.
- Purchasing books of interest to parents to locate in the school.
- Setting up a space for parents to visit in the school, possibly with refreshments and scheduled opportunities to "meet and greet," such as "coffee and cookie with the principal," or "coffee and muffins with other parents," or "meet the special education teachers," etc.

- Hosting of graduation celebrations and sending certificates from the Parents Club to graduates.
- Organizing parents and grandparents to read one-on-one with children in classrooms.
- Other relevant activities.

Activities to help parents support their children to be successful in school, such as:

- Delivering kits for home-based science / art / baking projects to families.
- Sharing strategies for student success through community and club networking/exchanges.
- Taking children and their parents on field trips to universities, science centres, or career fairs to promote career and education planning (or sharing information about virtual tours).
- Inviting guest speakers on education topics, e.g. students with disabilities or diverse abilities.
- Sharing resources to support parents in addressing challenges with the school, such as racism, bullying, temporary suspensions, expulsions, etc.

Activities to strengthen First Nations cultural learning, such as:

- Inviting a First Nation community leader, author, or artist to lead a workshop with families.
- Offering workshops on topics such as learning on the land, virtual storytelling, etc.
- Supporting language activities for students and families.
- Holding an art or photo contest.

Activities to support parents to be school leaders, such as:

- Holding regular meetings to discuss education topics and concerns.
- Organizing opportunities for parents to get involved in school decision-making.
- Providing training for parents to be coaches (e.g. coaching certification for Basketball BC).
- Providing leadership training to support parents being advocates.

Activities to promote family health, such as:

- Inviting guest speakers to speak on healthy living topics.
- Supporting a community kitchen.
- Holding workshops focused on healthy foods and cooking, skills such as canning, etc.
- Organizing outdoor learning activities with families, such as family hikes.

Activities to celebrate and support family togetherness, such as:

- Organizing family photo sessions.
- Using Kahoot (a free game-based learning platform) to hold a quiz night online (where you can make your own quiz or use the ones already available).
- Hosting evenings for scrapbooking, baking and learning new crafts.
- Promoting parent/student bonding through recreation events.

Activities to promote improved attendance, such as:

- Hosting workshops on the importance of school attendance, using the Attendance Toolkit (see <http://www.fnesc.ca/wp/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/PUBLICATION-62028-FNESC-Attendance-Toolkit-V1R0-F-WEB-031320.pdf>)
- Sharing information about current guidelines for when students should stay home for illness and when they are well enough to go to school – a particularly significant issue now.
- Working with the school to involve parents in reviewing attendance policies to ensure they are relevant, feasible and well understood.
- Organizing incentive programs to promote attendance (see the Attendance Toolkit for ideas related to incentive raffles for families)
- Preparing and sharing materials to encourage parents to promote regular attendance.

Contact

If this is the first time you've heard about the First Nations Parents Club and you would like more information, please contact Angel Brown:

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