



ABORIGINAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, September 20, 2012 – Board Room, Education Centre

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathy Beardy, Elliott Cromarty, Serena Essex, Pauline Fontaine, Sylvia O’Meara, Sherri-Lynne Pharand, Suzanne Tardif, Dolores Wawia, Beverley White-Kokeza

ALTERNATES PRESENT: Jack Playford, George Saarinen

ABSENT WITH REGRET: Ellen Chambers, Agnes Hardy, Lori Lukinuk, Nicole Walter-Rowan

RESOURCE: Suzanne Eddy, Amy Farrell-Morneau, JoJo Guillet, Senator Robert McKay, Robin Tabor-John

GUESTS: Jasmine Sgambelluri, Cathi Siemieniuk

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Opening Exercises	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sherri called the meeting to order and called upon Senator McKay to conduct the opening. 	
2. Welcome and Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sherri welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Senator McKay for the opening. JoJo Guillet was introduced as the new Aboriginal Education Resource teacher. • Regrets and substitutions were noted and the attendance sheet was circulated. 	
3.1 Approval of Agenda - September 20, 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moved by Pauline Fontaine and seconded by Beverley White-Kokeza, that the agenda for the September 20, 2012 meeting be approved. Carried. 	
3.2 Approval of Minutes - June 22, 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moved by Sylvia O’Meara and seconded by Pauline Fontaine, that the minutes of the June 22, 2012 meeting be approved. Carried. 	
4. Correspondence File	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correspondence file was circulated. 	
5. Presentations:		
5.1 Feedback from	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robin Tabor-John, Elementary Coordinator and Jasmine Sgambelluri, 	

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Summer Literacy Program	<p>teacher, provided the group an overview of the Summer Literacy Program held at Sherbrooke, Ogden and Ecole Gron Morgan Public Schools from July 9 – 27, 2012.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two years ago, this program was started with 15 students enrolled. This year saw 85 students participate in the program. • Two additional pilot projects were offered this summer—the Summer Literacy Learning program for First Nation, Metis and Inuit students and the Summer Numeracy Learning project. • Jasmine gave a brief overview of the FNMI program she was involved with at Ogden School and shared some of the activities carried out with the students. • Jasmine noted that student reading levels increased, attendance was good, and family involvement – parents went on field trips, prepared snacks for the students. • Questions from the group were addressed. • Dolores thanked Jasmine for her work with these students. 	
5.2 Operational Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cathi Siemieniuk, Director of Education, gave a brief overview of the Board's Operational Plan. • Sherri-Lynne Pharand addressed her portfolio. • The Board has hired a Mental Health Lead, Mary-Beth Minthorn-Biggs. • Cathi asked members to share any suggestions they may have regarding the Operational Plan by e-mailing her directly or through Sherri-Lynne. • Questions from the group were addressed. 	
<p>6. Business Arising from the Minutes:</p> <p>6.1 Memorandum of Understanding</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sherri brought the Memorandum of Understanding between Lakehead District School Board and Lakehead University, confirming commitment of both parties to collaborate and co-partner in the establishment of the achievement program, to share with the group. 	
<p>7. New Business:</p> <p>7.1 AEAC Representatives on PIC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serena Essex offered to continue as the AEAC representative on the Parent Involvement Committee and Suzanne Tardif and Beverley White-Kokeza volunteered to be alternates. 	

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7.2 Smudging Poster	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amy Farrell-Morneau presented a poster on Smudging in Schools that she and Dawn Aho had generated for comments from the Committee. The Committee was in agreement with the content of the poster and offered suggestions. 	
8. Ongoing Business: 8.1 Fall Harvest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amy Farrell-Morneau provided a handout that was sent out to schools and the community re the Fall Harvest being held Tuesday, September 25, 2012 for Secondary students and Wednesday, September 26, 2012 and Thursday, September 27, 2012 for Elementary students. All three days run from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Fort William Historical Park. 	
8.2 Tutors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The pilot project held over the 2011-2012 school year was very successful and we now have Tutors in each of our high schools. A meeting will be held in October with the Tutors to see how the program is progressing and suggestions they may have. Native Studies and Native Language courses have increased dramatically. 	
8.3 Handbook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The handbook is currently under revision. Amy shared some revisions for the group to review for their input. Any further revisions can be e-mailed to Amy. 	
9. Information and Inquiries 9.1 Grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defer to next meeting. 	
9.2 PIC Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Serena Essex provided an update from the PIC Committee. This will be a standing item on the agenda. 	
10. Closing Exercises	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closing exercises were conducted by Senator McKay. 	
11. Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friday, November 16, 2012, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Board Room, Education Centre. 	All
12. Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m. 	