



**ABORIGINAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**DATE:** Friday, November 16, 2012 – Board Room, Education Centre

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Elliott Cromarty, Serena Essex, Lori Lukinuk, Sylvia O’Meara, Sherri-Lynne Pharand, Suzanne Tardif, Margaret Vincent, Dolores Wawia, Beverley White-Kokeza

**ABSENT WITH REGRET:** Kathy Beardy, Ellen Chambers, Suzanne Eddy, Pauline Fontaine, Tiffany Gordon, Agnes Hardy, Jack Playford, George Saarinen, Robin Tabor-John, Lindsay Willoughby

**RESOURCE:** Amy Farrell-Morneau, JoJo Guillet, Senator Robert McKay, Nicole Walter-Rowan

**GUESTS:** Pat Johansen, Cathi Siemieniuk

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Opening Exercises	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sherri called the meeting to order and called upon Senator McKay to conduct the opening.</li> </ul>	
2. Welcome and Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sherri welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Senator McKay for the opening. Sherri welcomed Margaret Vincent to the Committee as a new parent representative. Introductions were made around the table. Regrets and substitutions were noted and the attendance sheet was circulated.</li> </ul>	
3.1 Approval of Agenda - November 16, 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moved by Serena Essex and seconded by Sylvia O’Meara, that the agenda for the November 16, 2012 meeting be approved. Carried.</li> </ul>	
3.2 Approval of Minutes - September 20, 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moved by Elliott Cromarty and seconded by Serena Essex, that the minutes of the September 20, 2012 meeting be approved. Carried.</li> </ul>	
4. Correspondence File	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Correspondence file was circulated.</li> </ul>	
5. Presentations:		
5.1 Staff Professional Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JoJo Guillet, Aboriginal Education Resource Teacher and Amy Farrell-Morneau, Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer, provided a power point presentation on First Nations Governance and perceptions. All Lakehead</li> </ul>	

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	<p>District School Board employees will be receiving this training. To date, Trustees, Senior Administration, Board Office staff, Adult Education staff and two schools have received the training.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The presentation will be posted on the Board's website.</li> <li>• Questions were addressed.</li> <li>• Sherri thanked JoJo and Amy for their very informative presentation.</li> </ul>	
<p>6. New Business:</p> <p>6.1 Native Studies/Native Language Enrolment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sherri advised the group that there has been significant enrolment this Fall in our secondary schools in the Native Language/Native Studies courses. Copies of the courses and enrolment were provided to the group.</li> <li>• A breakdown of self- identified and non-self identified students for each course will be brought to the December meeting.</li> </ul>	
<p>6.2 Staff Self I.D.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amy Farrell-Morneau is currently working on a draft Voluntary Staff Self ID policy. Trustees passed a motion to support the development of the policy.</li> <li>• A working document will be brought to the December meeting for input by the Committee.</li> </ul>	
<p>6.3 AEAC Annual Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Input was provided to the draft AEAC annual report.</li> <li>• Suzanne Tardif offered to present the report at the December 4, 2012 Annual meeting on behalf of Dolores Wawia.</li> <li>• There was consensus from the group that the report go forward with the input received.</li> <li>• Any further input can be e-mailed to Judy at <a href="mailto:jhill@lakeheadschoools">jhill@lakeheadschoools</a> by Friday, November 23, 2012.</li> </ul>	
<p>6.4 Student Art Work</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An invitation was extended to Lakehead District School Board's secondary students to submit artwork to be selected for the cover of the revised handbook.</li> <li>• There were two requirements for the artwork: 1) that it represented Aboriginal people – First Nations, Metis, Inuit – symbolic or literal representation and 2) contains a clear and obvious image of the Sleeping Giant.</li> <li>• Using criteria, four finalists were chosen out of the large number received.</li> <li>• There was unanimous agreement from the Committee on the piece</li> </ul>	

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	<p>chosen.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There will be a write-up in the handbook on the chosen piece, an interpretation of the drawing by the artist and the student's name.</li> <li>• Amy and JoJo will send thank you letters to all of the students who submitted artwork and to the teachers whose classes participated.</li> </ul>	
<p>7. Ongoing Business:</p> <p>7.1 Handbook</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A review of the handbook was done by the group for further feedback.</li> <li>• Truth and Reconciliation Commissioner, Evelyn Baxter, has provided feedback to the Residential Schools section of the handbook for accuracy.</li> <li>• The targeted date for roll out of the revised handbook is February 2013.</li> <li>• Any further edits can be emailed to Amy Farrell-Morneau, <a href="mailto:amy_farrell@lakeheadschoools.ca">amy_farrell@lakeheadschoools.ca</a> or brought to the December 20, 2012 meeting.</li> <li>• Sherri extended a special thank you to Amy for undertaking this task.</li> </ul>	
<p>8. Information and Inquiries</p> <p>8.1 Grants</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sherri provided an update on a grant the Ministry has provided in the amount of \$53,330 to support Tutoring, Grade 10 credit accumulation and Professional Development. All Grade 3 &amp; 6 teachers will receive professional development this school year as well as P.D. for Grade 10 Geography teachers.</li> <li>• Sherri advised that there will be more funding available, but it is not known at this time how much that will be. The group would like to use this additional funding to cover the cost of printing the handbook.</li> <li>• Sherri will bring regular updates to future meetings.</li> </ul>	
<p>8.2 PIC Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Serena Essex provided an update from the PIC Committee.</li> <li>• The October 22, 2012 School Council Orientation was a great success.</li> </ul>	
<p>9. Closing Exercises</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closing exercises were conducted by Senator McKay.</li> </ul>	
<p>10. Next Meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thursday, December 20, 2012, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Board Room, Education Centre.</li> </ul>	<p>All</p>
<p>11. Adjournment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.</li> </ul>	