



ABORIGINAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, June 13, 2013 – Board Room, Education Centre

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marg Arnone, Pauline Fontaine, Sherri-Lynne Pharand, Suzanne Tardif, Dolores Wawia

ALTERNATES PRESENT: Lori Lukinuk

ABSENT WITH REGRET: Kathy Beardy, Ellen Chambers, Elliott Cromarty, Serena Essex, Sylvia O’Meara, Ron Oikonen
Margaret Vincent, Beverley White-Kokeza

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

GUESTS: Pat Johansen, Robin Tabor-John, Nikki Marks, Isabelle Mercier, Jennifer Rissanen, Cathi Siemieniuk

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Opening Exercises	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sherri-Lynne Pharand 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. Isabelle Mercier was introduced as a new Elder representative on AEAC. Regrets and substitutions were noted and the attendance sheet was circulated. 	
3.1 Approval of Agenda - June 13, 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Due to a lack of quorum, consensus was received from the group to proceed with the agenda. 	
3.2 Approval of Minutes - May 16, 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Due to lack of quorum, the May 16, 2013 minutes were deferred to the September 20, 2013 meeting for approval. 	
4. Correspondence File	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correspondence file was circulated. Sherri highlighted the Student and Staff Self I.D. policies and extended a special thank you to Amy Farrell-Morneau, JoJo Guillet and Nicole Walter-Rowan for all of their help in ensuring that these two policies came to fruition. 	
5. Presentations:		
5.1 Summer Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Robin Tabor-John and Nikki Marks provided a brief presentation on the 	

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	<p>summer programs being offered from July 2 to July 19, 2013. In addition to the Literacy and Numeracy camps, the program was expanded this summer to include FNMI Programs. These programs are offered to students in Grade 1-3 who experience difficulty in achieving the provincial standard.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JoJo will be holding a P.D. session for the summer program teachers on June 17, 2013 to provide resources for them in teaching these programs. • Principals will be in their schools for the first week of the program and Pauline Fontaine has agreed to oversee the sites for the last two weeks. • Sherri extended a special thank you to Robin and Nikki on behalf of the parents and the group for their dedication and work on the success of these summer programs. 	
5.2 IT Policy Input	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dave Covello attended the meeting to solicit input from the group on the IT Policy which was last revised in 2007. The revised policy will include a Bring Your Own Device plan currently being piloted in some of our schools. Input is being accepted until June 28, 2013. Questions from the group were addressed. 	
5.3 NS/NL Workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jenn Rissanen and JoJo Guillet provided a summary of the training that took place during the school year. Comments from participants were shared with the group. • Sherri thanked Jenn and JoJo for their work with the schools. 	
5.4 Water Walk Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JoJo provided a power point presentation on the Water Walk Grant. This project was supported by Learning for Sustainable Education. • Water is sacred for First Nations people and given that Thunder Bay is a water shed area, students went out and planted trees. Students from Algonquin, Ecole Gron Morgan, Woodcrest, Kakabeka Falls, McKellar Park, Churchill and Superior Public Schools participated in the planting of trees at George Burke Park and school sites. • Questions from the group were addressed. 	
6. New Business: 6.1 Goals for Next Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members split into two groups to provide input into the Work Plan for 2013-2014. Amy and JoJo will update the Work Plan and it will be reviewed at our September 20, 2013 meeting. 	
6.2 AEAC Representative on Pic for	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A letter was received from the Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) inviting AEAC to nominate two members (one member, one alternate) to serve on PIC for the 2013-2-014. This item will be deferred to the 	

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2013-2014	September 20, 2013 meeting due to lack of quorum.	
6.3 Elder's Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A meeting was held with the Elder's Council on May 10, 2013. Eight Elders were in attendance. Feedback was provided on the Voluntary Staff Self Identification Policy. • An invite was extended to the Elders to attend the Learning Through the Arts presentation at Kingsway Park School on June 6, 2013. The focus of the event at Kingsway School will be on Literacy. 	
7. Ongoing Business: 7.1 National Aboriginal Week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amy provided an update to the group. Students from our schools will be attending on June 17 and 18. On June 20, 2013, NAD will be doing a pilot similar to the Fall Harvest at Port Arthur's Landing. On June 21, there will be a pow wow celebration and a feast beginning at 5:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. • Sherri thanked Amy for her organization of National Aboriginal week. 	
7.2 Elder In Residence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amy advised that Crystal Neilson worked with two ladies from Alberta and they attended Kingsway Park School to provide a demonstration of what the program could look like. 	
8. Information and Inquiries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are in need of parent members. If you know of anyone that would be interested, please let Sherri know. 	
9. Closing Exercises	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing exercises were conducted by Senator McKay. 	
10. Next Meeting	Friday, September 20, 2013 – 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Board Room, Education Centre.	All
11 . Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m. 	