



**ABORIGINAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**DATE:** Thursday, November 21, 2013 – Board Room, Education Centre

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Marg Arnone, Lawrence Baxter, Kathy Beardy, Elliott Cromarty, Katrina Fiddler, Pauline Fontaine, Sylvia O’Meara, Sherri-Lynne Pharand, Dolores Wawia, Beverley White-Kokeza

**ALTERNATES PRESENT:** Sharon Kanutski, Lori Lukinuk

**ABSENT WITH REGRET:** Ellen Chambers, Serena Essex, Steve Lalonde, Ron Oikonen, Suzanne Tardif

**RESOURCE:** Coral Charlton, Amy Farrell-Morneau, JoJo Guillet, Senator Robert McKay, Isabelle Mercier, Jennifer Rissanen, Cathi Siemieniuk, Nicole Walter-Rowan

**GUESTS:** Pat Johansen, Karen Wilson

	<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
1.	Opening Exercises	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dolores Wawia called the meeting to order. Sherri-Lynne Pharand called upon Elder Isabelle Mercier 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 Elder Isabelle Mercier for the opening. Introductions were made around the table.</li> <li>Regrets and substitutions were noted and the attendance sheet was circulated.</li> </ul>	
3.1	Approval of Agenda - November 21, 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moved by Pauline Fontaine and seconded by Sylvia O’Meara that the agenda for the November 21, 2013 AEAC meeting be approved. Carried.</li> </ul>	
3.2	Approval of Minutes - September 20, 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moved by Pauline Fontaine and seconded by Elliott Cromarty that the minutes of the September 20, 2013 AEAC meeting be approved. Carried.</li> </ul>	
4.	Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Correspondence file was circulated.</li> </ul>	

5.	Presentations:		
5.1	Early Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Donica LeBlanc, Supervising Principal of Early Learning, provided a power point presentation on Early Learning.</li> <li>• Since the implementation of full day Kindergarten, results are showing that students are writing more, thinking differently, their vocabulary is changing and their well being is improving. Classrooms are of a more calming nature.</li> <li>• For more information on Early Learning, please click on link below. <a href="http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/literacynumeracy/inspire/research/CBS_InquiryBased.pdf">http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/literacynumeracy/inspire/research/CBS_InquiryBased.pdf</a></li> <li>• Questions from the group were addressed. Sherri thanked Donica for sharing what Lakehead District School Board is doing for early learners and for all of the work Donica is doing on this initiative.</li> </ul>	
6.	Business Arising From the Minutes:		
6.1	FNMI Framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JoJo gave a brief overview of the FNMI framework.</li> </ul>	
6.2	AEAC Work Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amy and JoJo had the group divide into 3 sections and align the FNMI Framework with the Work Plan.</li> <li>• The work plan will be brought forward to the December meeting to finish aligning the FNMI Framework to the work plan.</li> </ul>	
6.3	Welcome Booklet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Defer to December 19, 2013 Meeting.</li> </ul>	
7.	New Business:		
7.1	AEAC Annual Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sherri asked for a volunteer to present the AEAC Annual Report at the December 3, 2013 Annual Meeting. Consensus was received from the group to ask Serena Essex or Suzanne Tardif to present the report.</li> <li>• The group was asked to provide any further feedback to the annual report by Monday, November 25, 2013.</li> </ul>	
7.2	Student Achievement Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Defer to December 19, 2013 Meeting.</li> </ul>	
8.	Information Report		
8.1	New Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sherri provided a brief update on an item that was recently in the news regarding a Hallowe'en costume that was worn during the school day by a staff member.</li> </ul>	

9.	Ongoing Business:		
9.1	Cultural Sensitivity Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amy advised that the training is almost complete. There will be a session on December 20 for those that were unable to attend previous sessions. Training is to be completed by January 2014.</li> <li>• Amy has received extremely positive feedback on the training.</li> </ul>	
9.2	New Teacher Induction Program (NTIP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JoJo advised that she will be working with new teachers on November 25 regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• awareness of Ministry and system goals;</li> <li>• support FNMI Student Success;</li> <li>• include FNMI content in the delivery of programs;</li> <li>• build a system where all voices are heard and honoured.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
9.3	English Language Learners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On December 3 and 4, there will be training with the Ministry to support educators in the classroom. The goal is to give classroom teachers strategies to support English Language Learners and English as a Second Language students. See attached document entitled Canadian Born English Language Learners.</li> <li>• The following link has the new curriculum document for Grade 2-5 Social Studies.</li> <li>• <a href="http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/curriculum/elementary/">http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/curriculum/elementary/</a></li> </ul>	
9.4	Native Studies/native Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JoJo reported that they continue to work with the Native Studies/Native Language teachers to incorporate First Nation Metis Inuit content into courses and explore strategies to engage and support all learners. (See attached article: Two Eyed Seeing)</li> </ul>	
9.5	FNMI Collaborative Inquiry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JoJo provided a brief update on this initiative focusing on small groups of students to support their learning. Elder Felicia Waboose has been working with the teachers. (See attached article on Collaborative Teacher Inquiry).</li> </ul>	
9.6	Northern Communities Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amy provided an updated on travel to Northern Communities. A visit is planned for Fort hope on December 6, 2013. Amy is currently making arrangements for a visit to Marten Falls late January/early February of 2014.</li> </ul>	
9.7	National Aboriginal Day (NAD) 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Aboriginal Day will be held Saturday, June 21, 2014 at Fort William Historical Park. A variety of activities will be held Friday, June 20, 2014. Sherri advised the group that Amy was elected Chair of NAD.</li> </ul>	
9.8	Elder's Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amy will be holding a meeting with the Elder's Council on December 9, 2013 providing an update on the work AEAC has been doing and next steps for the Council.</li> </ul>	
9.9	Information and Inquiries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sherri advised the group that the Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) has agreed to allow AEAC to carry forward the \$750.00 allocation from 2012-2013 to the 2013-2014 school year.</li> </ul>	

10.	Closing Exercises	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Closing exercises were conducted by Senator McKay.</li></ul>	
11.	Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thursday, December 19, 2013 – 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Board Room, Education Centre.</li></ul>	
12.	Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.</li></ul>	