



ABORIGINAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, December 19, 2013 – Board Room, Education Centre

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lawrence Baxter, Elliott Cromarty, Katrina Fiddler, Pauline Fontaine, Pat Johansen, Sylvia O’Meara, Sherri-Lynne Pharand, Suzanne Tardif , Dolores Wawia, Beverley White-Kokeza

ALTERNATES PRESENT: Robin Haliuk, Sharon Kanutski, George Saarinen, Fay Zoccole

ABSENT WITH REGRET: Kathy Beardy, Ellen Chambers, Serena Essex, Steve Lalonde, Ron Oikonen

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

GUESTS: Marg Arnone, Lori Lukinuk , Jack Playford, Logan Turner, Karen Wilson

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Opening Ceremonies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sherri-Lynne Pharand called the meeting to order and called upon Elder Isabelle Mercier to conduct the opening. 	
2. Welcome and Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sherri welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Elder Isabelle Mercier for the opening. Introductions were made around the table. Sherri welcomed Trustee Pat Johansen as the Trustee representative on the committee and Trustee George Saarinen as the alternate. Also welcomed to the meeting was student Trustee Logan Turner and Katrina Fiddler, the student representative on the committee from Hammarskjold High School. Sherri thanked Trustees Arnone and Lukinuk for their representation on the Committee. • Regrets and substitutions were noted and the attendance sheet was circulated. 	
3. Selection of Co-Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A prenomination to nominate Dolores Wawia as Co-Chair was received from Beverley White-Kokeza. Dolores accepted the nomination. Sherri-Lynne Pharand called for further nominations from the floor. Moved by Pauline Fontaine and seconded by Beverley White-Kokeza that nominations be closed. Carried. Sherri welcomed Dolores back as Co- 	

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	Chair. Dolores thanked everyone for their support.	
4.1 Approval of Agenda - December 19, 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moved by Pauline Fontaine and seconded by Beverley White-Kokeza that the agenda for the December 19, 2013 AEAC meeting be approved. Carried. 	
4.2 Approval of Minutes - November 21, 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moved by Pat Johansen and seconded by Suzanne Tardif that the minutes of the November 21, 2013 AEAC meeting be approved. Carried. 	
5. Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correspondence file was circulated. 	
6. Business Arising From the Minutes: 6.1 Group Photo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heather Houston took a photo of the AEAC Committee to use in brochures when visiting remote northern communities. 	
6.2 Native Language Survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Native Language is currently offered at Ecole Gron Morgan, Armstrong and Algonquin Public Elementary Schools. Sherri advised the group that a survey will go out in the new year to schools in the south side of the city to see if there is any interest. 	
6.3 Work Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee worked in groups to finalize the alignment of the FNMI Policy Framework to the work plan. Amy and JoJo to update. 	
6.4 Welcome Booklet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amy provided a handout of the draft welcome book and gave a brief overview of the contents. When completed, this book will be given to students from remote northern communities to let them know what to expect when they come to attend high school in Thunder Bay. The group provided input to Amy. Any further input can be e-mailed to Amy. 	

<p>7. New Business:</p> <p>7.1 Student Achievement Board Report & Achievement Data</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defer to February 7, 2014 meeting. 	
<p>7.2 Parent Involvement Committee Funding</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Once again, the Parent Involvement Committee has allocated \$750.00 to AEAC to support, encourage and enhance parent engagement at the Board level. Consensus was received from the group to come up with suggestions to connect First Nations students with their families. 	<p>Bring forward to February 7, 2014 meeting.</p>
<p>8. Ongoing Business:</p> <p>8.1 Updates:</p> <p>8.1.1 Fort Hope Visit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amy is in the process of arranging a visit to Fort Hope to meet with their Director, Band Manager, parents and students. The purpose of the visit will be to provide information about our secondary high schools for those students that will be coming to Thunder Bay and address any concerns they may have. 	
<p>8.1.2 Elder's Council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defer to February 7, 2014 meeting. 	
<p>9. Closing Ceremonies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closing exercises were conducted by Senator McKay. 	
<p>10. Next Meeting</p>	<p>Friday, February 7, 2014 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Board Room, Education Centre</p>	
<p>11 . Adjournment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m. 	