



ABORIGINAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, May 15, 2014, Board Room, Education Centre

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lawrence Baxter, Serena Essex, Pauline Fontaine, Pat Johansen, Sharon Kanutski, Sylvia O'Meara, Sherri-Lynne Pharand, Suzanne Tardif, Dolores Wawia, Beverley White-Kokeza

ALTERNATES PRESENT: Robin Haliuk

ABSENT WITH REGRET: Kathy Beardy, Elliott Cromarty, Katrina Fiddler, Isabelle Mercier, Ron Oikonen, Jennifer Rissanen, George Saarinen,

RESOURCE: Ellen Chambers, Coral Charlton, Amy Farrell-Morneau, JoJo Guillet, Senator Robert McKay, Cathi Siemieniuk, Nicole Walter-Rowan

GUESTS: Marg Arnone, Kathleen Porter

	AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1.	Opening Ceremonies	<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. Regrets and substitutions were noted and the attendance sheet was circulated	
3.1	Approval of Agenda – May 15, 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Moved by Pauline Fontaine and seconded by Sylvia O'Meara that the agenda for the May 15, 2014 meeting be approved. Carried.	
3.2	Approval of Minutes – March 20, 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Moved by Beverley White-Kokeza and seconded by Pat Johansen that the minutes of the March 20, 2014 AEAC meeting be approved. Carried.	

4.	Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correspondence file was circulated. 	
5.	Presentations:		
5.1	Blend Media Project to Support Students in Thunder Bay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kathilee Porter of The Blend Media Group of Cambridge, ON provided the group with an overview of her company and a video project they are working on profiling Lilianna McKay. The company has developed a web portal for First Nations students that they would like to pilot in Thunder Bay. The portal will contain information on Leaving Home, Reaching Out – Parents-Community and Welcome in Community. Thunder Bay was chosen due to programs available for First Nations students and the City welcoming the students to the community. Feedback provided from the group: Develop an app for students. Cultural resources – where to connect for help. i.e. Friendship Centre, etc. Mentors in the community. 211 – services and programs - available 24 hours per day. Elders – approach Thunder Bay School of Medicine. Events at Marina Park. Assistance with homework – access to Tutors. 	
5.2	Strategic Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cathi Siemieniuk provided a copy of the Board's Strategic Plan 2012-2014 and a brief update. Cathi has met with stakeholder groups to receive approval to extend the plan until 2015 to allow the new Director and new Board to tailor to their needs. Any feedback can be e-mailed to director@lakehead.schools.ca. 	
5.3	FNMI Collaborative Inquiry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ministry approached the Lakehead Board regarding this collaborative inquiry project to support Aboriginal students. Denise Baxter and Felicia Waboose were instrumental in making this project work. JoJo Guillet and Jennifer Rissanen provided a video of the work undertaken on the project. This work was carried out at Algonquin and McKellar Elementary schools and at our four Secondary schools. Sherri thanked JoJo Guillet, Amy Farrell Morneau, Melanie Mussellam and Nicole Walter-Rowan and school staff involved for the work that has taken place. Sherri also thanked AEAC for their 	

		<p>work inspiring and initiating the work happening in our schools.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A copy of the video will be presented to NAN. • The Ministry has asked us to continue this work next year and funds have been allocated. 	
6.	Business Arising from the Minutes		
6.1	Native Language Conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JoJo Guillet provided a brief update on the Native Language Conference that was held on April 10 and 11, 2014. The conference was a huge success. There were 80 participants including those from outlying boards. A video was made of the two day event that will be shared with our First Nations partners. 	
7.	New Business		
7.1	2014-2015 Draft AEAC Meeting Schedule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A draft of the 2014-2015 AEAC meeting scheduled was presented for approval. • Moved by Beverley White-Kokeza and seconded by Suzanne Tardif that the 2014-2015 AEAC meeting schedule be approved. Carried. 	
8.	Ongoing Business		
8.1	Work Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JoJo walked the group through the items on the work plan that have been completed. • NAN have extended an invitation for representatives from our Board to participate in a community visit with NAN before the end of June. 	Judy to send copy of work plan with minutes.
9.	Information and Inquiries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	
9.	Closing Ceremonies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing ceremonies were conducted by Senator McKay. 	
9.1	NAN Wall Hanging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAN presented the Board with a wall hanging in recognition of our partnership with them, and the Board having worked closely with NAN in the community consultation process. • This wall hanging will be located in the front vestibule of the Education Centre. 	
9.2	Staff Self ID Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Once approved by the Board, Administration will share with staff. • Amy Farrell will address Principals at the May Operations meeting on the process for Principals to address with their staff. • Staff Self ID form will be available as an on-line PDF form. • Individual has to grant permission to share their information. 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Process to be completed by the end of June 2014. • We are the first Board in the Province to have implemented the Staff Self ID form. • Amy will provide an update at the September 18, 2014 AEAC meeting. 	
10.	Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday, June 6, 2014 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Board Room, Education Centre 	
11.	Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m. 	