



ABORIGINAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, September 18, 2014, Board Room, Education Centre

MEMBERS PRESENT: Elliott Cromarty, Serena Essex, Pat Johansen, Sylvia O'Meara, Sherri-Lynne Pharand, Suzanne Tardif, Dolores Wawia

ALTERNATES PRESENT: Robin Haliuk, George Saarinen

ABSENT WITH REGRET: Lawrence Baxter, Kathy Beardy, Katrina Fiddler, Pauline Fontaine, Sharon Kanutski, Beverley White-Kokeza, Ron Oikonen

RESOURCE: Cathy Ferrazzo, Amy Farrell-Morneau, JoJo Guillet, Mike Judge, Senator Robert McKay, Isabelle Mercier, Jason Pilot, Nicole Walter-Rowan

GUESTS: Crystal Nielsen, Lori Lukinuk

	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 first meeting of the 2014-2015 school year. Introductions were made around the table. 	
3.1	Approval of Agenda – September 18, 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moved by Elliott Cromarty, seconded by Robin Haliuk that the agenda for the September 18, 2014 meeting be approved. Carried. 	
3.2	Approval of Minutes – June 6, 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moved by Robin Haliuk, seconded by Suzanne Tardif that the minutes of the June 6, 2014 meeting be approved. Carried. 	
4.	Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The correspondence file was circulated. 	
5.	Presentations:		
5.1	Walking With Our Sisters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crystal Nielsen, Regional Manager for Learning Through the Arts and Elder Isabelle Mercier, apprised the group on the Walking With Our Sisters initiative. Crystal was asked to sit on a committee that would design a lesson plan for Walking With Our Sisters to bring 	

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		<p>into the schools. This initiative is to create awareness of what is happening to our Aboriginal women. The ceremonial installation has travelled to five locations and is currently in Thunder Bay at the Art Gallery. Isabelle walked the group through what is involved when you attend the ceremonial installation. Everyone is welcome to attend. This event will be held from September 19 to October 12, 2014 at the Thunder Bay Art Gallery.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sherri thanked Crystal and Isabelle for their presentation. 	
5.2	Walk a Mile Film Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Walk a Mile Film project was produced by Thunderstone Pictures in association with Maamawe and City of Thunder Bay Aboriginal Liaison. The film consists of five compelling short documentaries that encourage communities, schools and workplaces to discuss the history of indigenous people in Canada, their personal experiences and hopes for the future. • Coming to Terms, We are all Treaty People, A Legacy of Struggle, Targets & Heroes and The Way Forward are the titles of the documentaries and was viewed by the group. Feedback from the group was provided for future training. • Sherri thanked Amy and JoJo for previewing the films to the group. 	
6.	New Business:		
6.1	November Meeting Date Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to an unforeseen commitment on November 20, 2014, there is a need to change the November meeting date. Moved by Suzanne Tardif and seconded by Sylvia O'Meara, that the November 20, 2014 AEAC meeting be rescheduled to November 13, 2014. Carried. 	
7.	Information Reports:		
7.1	Native Language/Native Studies Classes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jason Pilot, Secondary Resource Teacher, provided an update on this item. All four secondary schools offer Native Language/Native Studies classes over both semesters. 	
8.0	Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defer to next meeting. 	Amy Farrell-Morneau
9.0	Information and Inquiries		
9.1	Celebration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sherri congratulated Amy Farrell-Morneau, on behalf of AEAC, for completing her PHD. Congratulations Dr. Amy! 	

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9.2	Grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defer to next meeting. 	JoJo Guillet
9.3	Lakehead University Fall Harvest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JoJo advised the group that Lakehead University will be hosting their Fall Harvest on Saturday, September 20, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the University's Sweat Lodge site. Everyone welcome to attend. 	
10.	Closing Ceremonies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senator McKay conducted the closing ceremonies. 	
11.	Next Meeting:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thursday, November 13, 2014. 	
12.	Adjournment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m. 	