



ABORIGINAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

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

ALTERNATES PRESENT: Ellen Chambers, Robin Haliuk

ABSENT WITH REGRET: Serena Essex, Mike Judge, Senator Robert McKay, Isabelle Mercier, George Saarinen, Suzanne Tardif

RESOURCE: Amy Farrell-Morneau, Cathy Ferrazzo, JoJo Guillet, Jason Pilot, Nicole Walter-Rowan

GUESTS: Tammy Bobyk, Dr. John Hodson, Sarah Wright

	AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1.	Opening Ceremonies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sherri-Lynne Pharand called the meeting to order and called upon JoJo Guillet to conduct the opening. 	
2.	Welcome and Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sherri welcomed back Trustee Marg Arnone as the Trustee representative and Trustee Ellen Chambers as the alternate Trustee representative. 	
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-Chair. Dolores thanked everyone for their support. 	
4.1	Approval of Agenda – December 18, 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moved by Pauline Fontaine, seconded by Sharon Kanutski that the agenda for the December 18, 2014 meeting be approved. Carried. 	
4.2	Approval of Minutes – November 13, 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moved by Beverley White-Kokeza, seconded by Elliott Cromarty, that the minutes of the November 13, 2014 meeting be approved. Carried. 	

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5.	Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The correspondence file was circulated. 	
6.	Presentations:		
6.1	Research Study – A Holistic Study of the Biwaase’aa Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tammy Bobyk, Executive Director of Biwaase’aa, Sarah Wright, Program Manager of Biwaase’aa and Dr. John Hodson, Brock University provided a power point presentation of the Biwaase’aa program and the research conducted to date. The program is currently operating in four Lakehead District Board schools and three Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board schools. A copy of the report is available on www.shkoday.com Questions from the group were addressed. 	
7.	Business Arising from the Minutes:		
7.1	Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paul Tsekouras, Student Success Lead, provided an overview of the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT). Every year, all Grade 10 students across the province write the test on the same day and same time. Students must pass the test in order to graduate. If a student is unsuccessful the first time, they can write again the following year and will be administered a different test. If a student is unsuccessful after the second attempt, an Ontario Secondary School Literacy course is available for these students. 	
8.	New Business:		
8.1	Parent Involvement Committee Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding was received again this year from the Parent Involvement Committee in the amount of \$750.00. The group discussed having fridge magnets made for parents with a variety of information. i.e. Board toll free phone number, website address, information about AEAC and SEAC. Amy will bring a draft to the next meeting. 	Amy Farrell-Morneau
9.	Ongoing Business:		
9.1	Updates:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amy Farrell-Morneau provided updates on the following: Aboriginal Youth Achievement & Recognition Awards will be held Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at the Victoria Inn. Amy has sent information to the schools. Forms are due February 6, 2015. Elder work in the schools in ongoing. 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural Sensitivity Training has been well received. • FNMI Math Research Project workshop will be held at Vic Park on January 15, 2015 lead by Danielle Blair, Provincial Math Lead with the Ministry. • McKellar Family Gathering evening held on December 9, 2014 through the FNMI Collaborative Inquiry. Two Hundred family members attended. Parents engaged in math game with their children at the event. 	
10.	Information and Inquires		
10.1	Work Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electronic copy of work plan will be sent out to be reviewed at the next meeting. 	Judy to send electronic copy.
10.2	Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sherri thanked Trustees Lukinuk and Johansen for their service to AEAC as well as JoJo Guillet who has accepted a position with the Ministry of Education and Judy Hill who has taken a new position in the Director's Office. 	
11.	Closing Ceremonies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JoJo Guillet conducted the closing ceremonies. 	
12.	Next Meeting:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday, February 12, 2015. 	
13.	Adjournment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m. 	