



ABORIGINAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, February 12, 2015, Board Room, Education Centre

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marg Arnone, Serena Essex, Pauline Fontaine, Sharon Kanutski, Sylvia O’Meara, Sherri-Lynne Pharand, Suzanne Tardif, Beverley White-Kokeza

ALTERNATES PRESENT: Ellen Chambers

ABSENT WITH REGRET: Dolores Wawia, Senator Robert McKay, Jason Pilot, Elliott Cromarty, Mike Judge, Katrina Fiddler, Lawrence Baxter, Kathy Beardy

RESOURCE: Amy Farrell-Morneau, Cathy Ferrazzo, Anika Guthrie, Isabelle Mercier, Nicole Walter-Rowan

GUESTS: David Wright, JoJo Guillet, Jack Playford

	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. Regrets and substitutions were noted and the attendance sheet was circulated. 	
3.	Agenda/Minutes		
	3.1 Approval of Agenda – Feb. 12, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moved by Pauline Fontaine, seconded by Suzanne Tardif that the agenda for the February 12, 2105 meeting be approved. Carried. 	

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	3.2 Approval of Minutes – Dec. 18, 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moved by Sylvia O’Meara, seconded by Beverly White-Kokeza, that the minutes of the December 18, 2014 meeting be approved. Carried. 	
4.	Correspondence	The correspondence file was circulated.	
5.	Presentations		
	5.1 2015 – 2016 Budget Presentation (David Wright)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> David Wright, Superintendent of Business, noted that the Trustees approved the Guiding Principles and Timelines of the budget at the Feb. 10th meeting. He provided an overview of the budget for 2015-2016 and will provide Brenda with a copy of the PowerPoint presentation to be distributed to committee members. Questions from the group were addressed. Marg Arnone informed the committee that an email address would be made available to the general public to enable them to provide input. 	<p>Brenda to forward PowerPoint presentation to members</p> <p>Brenda to send email address to members</p>
6.	Business Arising From the Minutes		
	6.1 Work Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copies of the work plan were distributed to committee members (electronic copies were sent prior to the meeting as well). Amy gave a brief explanation of how the work plan was developed. Amy divided the committee into two groups ensuring each group had a trustee, and at least one parent and one educator. Following the lengthy discussion period, each group reported back outlining priorities when moving forward with the plan. The plan will be used to inform the budget submission. 	Amy will make the changes as directed by the group and report back at the next meeting.
	6.2 Parent Involvement Committee Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding in the amount of \$750 was received from the Parent Involvement Committee and the committee had previously discussed having fridge magnets made with information for parents. Amy distributed a draft of the proposed fridge magnet and asked for feedback from the committee. Amy noted that 400 magnets could be purchased for \$676 with the remainder of the budgeted money being used for shipping them to the communities. 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback from the committee was noted. Amy will ask our graphics department to re-design the magnet incorporating the suggestions from the committee. 	Amy to bring revised draft back to the committee for approval.
7.	New Business		
	7.1 AEAC Budget Deputation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In preparation for preparing the AEAC Budget Deputation, the committee identified its priorities keeping in mind the decreased budget amount as per the information presented by David Wright, and the fact that there is an expected overall decline in funding and in student population for next year. Suzanne Tardif and Beverly White-Kokeza volunteered to work with Amy to write the AEAC Budget Deputation. Suzanne Tardif volunteered to present the deputation to the Board at the meeting which is tentatively scheduled for April 7. 	Amy, Suzanne and Beverly to work on draft for discussion at the meeting
	7.2 Native Studies Credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deferred to March 26th meeting. 	
	7.3 Math Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deferred to March 26th meeting. 	
8.	Ongoing Business		
	8.1 Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amy Farrell-Morneau provided updates on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spirit of Winter: 400+ attended this event National Aboriginal Day: falls on Fathers' Day this year The Aboriginal Youth Achievement & Recognition Award applications have been received and will be reviewed. The awards will be presented at a ceremony at the Victoria Inn on April 8th. <p>The following items were deferred to March 26th:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kindergarten Night Secondary outreach / transitions materials for the Northern communities Upcoming visit to Armstrong 	

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9.	Information and Inquiries		
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10.	Closing Ceremonies	Elder Isabelle Mercier conducted the closing ceremonies.	
11.	Next Meeting:	Thursday, March 26, 2015.	
12.	Adjournment:	The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.	