



ABORIGINAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, Dec. 17, 2015, Board Room, Education Centre

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dolores Wawia, Pauline Fontaine, Sherri-Lynne Pharand, Cathy Ferrazzo, Elliott Cromarty, Donnalee Morettin, Fay Zoccole, Robin Haliuk, Lawrence Baxter, Trustee George Saarinen

ALTERNATES PRESENT: Elyse Big George, Trustee Ellen Chambers

ABSENT WITH REGRET: Mike Judge, Beverley White-Kokeza, Sharon Kanutski, Kathy Beardy, Serena Essex, Melissa Ramage, Suzanne Tardif, Dr. Amy Farrell-Morneau, Helaina Kwandibens, Chris Ooshay, Isabelle Mercier, Nicole Walter Rowan, Trustee Karen Wilson

RESOURCE: Jason Pilot, Anika Guthrie, Jane Lower

GUESTS: Bruce Sauder, Anthony Marrelli

	AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1.	Opening Ceremonies	Sherri-Lynne Pharand called the meeting to order and asked Dolores Wawia to conduct the opening.	
2.	Welcome and Introductions	<p>Sherri-Lynne welcomed everyone, including our guests. Introductions were made. It was noted that at the last Board meeting, Trustee Saarinen became the AEAC representative and Trustees Ellen Chambers and Karen Wilson will be the alternate representatives this year.</p> <p>Sherri-Lynne thanked Dolores for the opening.</p> <p>Regrets and substitutions were noted and the attendance sheet was circulated.</p>	
3.	Selection of the Co-Chair	A pre-nomination to nominate Dolores Wawia as Co-Chair was received from Pauline Fontaine. Dolores accepted the nomination. Sherri-Lynne Pharand called for further nominations from the floor.	

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		<p>Moved by George Saarinen and seconded by Robin Haliuk that nominations be closed.</p> <p>Carried.</p> <p>Sherri welcomed Dolores back as Co-Chair. Dolores thanked everyone for their support.</p>	
4.	Agenda/Minutes		
	4.1 Approval of Agenda – Dec. 17, 2015	<p>Moved by Pauline Fontaine and seconded by Elliott Cromarty that the agenda for the Dec. 17, 2015 meeting be approved.</p> <p>Carried.</p>	
	4.2 Approval of Minutes – Nov. 19, 2015	<p>Moved by George Saarinen and seconded by Robin Haliuk, that the minutes of the Nov. 19, 2015 meeting be approved.</p> <p>Carried.</p>	
5.	Correspondence	The correspondence file was circulated.	
6.	Presentations		
	6.1 FWHP's Indigenous Education Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elliott Cromarty and Anthony Marrelli, Coordinator of Education and Lifelong Learning at FWHP gave a detailed presentation on the programs available at the Park. They include day programs, overnight experiences, artisan workshops and custom experiences and special events and projects. • They provided the following handouts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Family Fun and Adventure - David Thompson Astronomical Observatory - Education Program Guide • All questions were addressed. 	Brenda will distribute the handouts to the schools in the New Year.
7.	Business Arising From the Minutes		
	7.1 Telephone Message	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bruce looked at the suggestions presented by the group at the November meeting. He explained that it is technically possible that people could press a number and hear their language of choice. 	Bruce Sauder

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee wants the greeting to be refreshing and welcoming ... in the languages of the communities with whom we have tuition agreements. Talk for Healing (Robin Haliuk) is a help line and will assist with translating as they have staff who speak the languages. They can even set up a 3 way call – any time of the day. (1-885-554-heal) We will move forward with the ‘closed’ message. At the next meeting Bruce will have a recording of the greeting in the various languages for the committee to hear. 	
	7.2 Revisions to Aboriginal Presence in our Schools Booklet	This topic will be re-visited at the February meeting. Committee members were asked to give some thought to proposed changes and be ready to discuss it in detail in February.	Anika Guthrie
8.	New Business		
	8.1 PIC Funding	<p>A letter from Ian MacRae regarding PIC funding in the amount of \$750 was shared with the Committee. This money is to be used to increase and enhance parental involvement and members were asked to think of some ideas on how this money could be spent. The money must be spent by August 31, 2016. Sherri-Lynne gave examples of previous year’s projects.</p> <p>This topic will be discussed in more detail at the February meeting.</p>	Sherri-Lynne Pharand
9.	Ongoing Business		
	9.1 Updates	<p>a) Sherri-Lynne gave a brief overview of 008-16 Aboriginal Report that went to the Board on December 15.</p> <p>b) Mino Bimaadiziwin – Youth Summer Camp Activities (Kingfisher trip and mini Pow Wow at Kingsway as follow-up) Anika discussed the summer camp activities and the follow-up pow wow. The committee watched a video of the activities. The video will be put on the website so it is accessible for all.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All questions were addressed. 	<p>Anika Guthrie / Sherri-Lynne Pharand</p> <p>A copy of the video is to be made available to Lawrence Baxter so it can be shared with the northern communities he visits</p>

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9.	Information and Inquiries	There were no inquiries.	
10.	Closing Ceremonies	Dolores conducted the closing.	
11.	Next Meeting:	Thursday, February 18, 2016.	
12.	Adjournment:	The meeting adjourned at 11:05	