



ABORIGINAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

- DATE:** Wednesday, March 30, 2016, Board Room, Education Centre
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sherri-Lynne Pharand, Dolores Wawia, Serena Essex, Pauline Fontaine, Sharon Kanutski, Helaina Kwandibens, Robin Haliuk, Nicole Walter Rowan, Jason Pilot, Cathy Ferrazzo, Lawrence Baxter, Trustee Ellen Chambers, Dr. Amy Farrell-Morneau, Anika Guthrie
- ABSENT WITH REGRET:** Beverley White-Kokeza, Donnalee Morettin, Neil Workman, Suzanne Tardif, Trustee George Saarinen, Rita Fenton, Kathy Beardy, Elyse Big George, Jane Lower
- ABSENT:** Mike Judge, Chris Ooshag, Elliott Cromarty, Fay Zoccole, Elder Isabelle Mercier, Trustee Karen Wilson
- GUESTS:** Gerry Martin, Bruce Sauder, Brittany Collins - Education Assistant at FWFN, Beth Andros – Aboriginal Achievement Tutor at Churchill

	AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1.	Opening Ceremonies	Sherri-Lynne Pharand called the meeting to order and asked Elder Gerry Martin to conduct the opening at 9:45 a.m.	Gerry Martin
2.	Welcome and Introductions	<p>Sherri-Lynne welcomed everyone, including our guests. Introductions were made.</p> <p>Sherri-Lynne thanked Gerry Martin for the opening.</p> <p>Regrets and substitutions were noted and the attendance sheet was circulated.</p>	
3.	Agenda / Minutes		
	3.1 Approval of Agenda – March 30, 2016	<p>Moved by Sharon Kanutski and seconded by Trustee Ellen Chambers that the agenda for the March 30, 2016 meeting be approved.</p> <p>Carried.</p>	

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	3.2 Approval of Minutes – Feb. 18, 2016	Moved by Serena Essex and seconded by Pauline Fontaine that the minutes for the February 18, 2016 AEAC meeting be approved. Carried.	
4.	Correspondence	The correspondence file was circulated.	
5.	Presentations		
	5.1 Student Aboriginal Advisory Committee	<p>Sherri- Lynne introduced Elizabeth (Beth) Andros, Aboriginal Achievement Tutor at Sir Winston Churchill CVI.</p> <p>Beth explained through a PowerPoint presentation how the Student Aboriginal Advisory Committee (AAC) at Churchill collaborate at lunch time in a program called “Let Your Voice be Heard” as a part of the FNMI Collaborative Inquiry.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All questions were addressed. <p>Sherri-Lynne thanked Beth saying it is important to remember to stop and ask the students as they value having their opinion heard.</p>	Beth Andros – Aboriginal Achievement Tutor - Churchill
6.	Business Arising From the Minutes		
	6.1 Telephone Message	<p>Bruce Sauder presented the new “after hours” telephone recording which was done by a tri-lingual, grade 8 student at Ecole Gron Morgan.</p> <p>There were some suggestions on how to refine the recording but the committee agreed by consensus that we go with the recording as is and fine tune it after we received feedback from the public.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All questions were addressed. 	<p>Sheri-Lynne Pharand Bruce Sauder</p> <p>Send Lawrence Baxter a copy of the recording so he could get and give input for revision.</p>
	6.2 PIC Funding	<p>Sherri-Lynne discussed the intent of the \$750 received from PIC saying it was to support, increase and enhance parental involvement.</p> <p>Many ideas were submitted and after some discussion it was decided that some of the money would be used to create vignettes done by the students as their perspective to help with transition i.e. “A Day in The</p>	Sherri-Lynne Pharand

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		<p>Life of ...”</p> <p>The following suggestions were also accepted as a use for some of the funds (requiring little funding):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Piggyback on another event (e.g. with SEAC) to show parents what AEAC has done and is doing; b. Have a booth at National Aboriginal Day on June 21 to showcase what is being done in our schools; c. Encourage more elders to visit classrooms thus connecting community members who live here in Thunder Bay but still have connections to their community; d. Visit school councils to promote AEAC, bringing presentation materials to hand out; and e. Consult with Fort William First Nations (through Brittany) to check on upcoming events where we could showcase the work of AEAC. 	<p>Amy to provide a list of the elders and the skills/ information they are comfortable sharing in the classroom.</p> <p>Sherri-Lynne to get a copy of ‘Maggie’s Story’ for Lawrence</p>
	6.3 AEAC Budget Deputation	<p>The committee was given a copy of the draft Budget Deputation and asked for input. Suggestions will be added.</p> <p>Moved by Robin Haliuk and seconded by Serena Essex that the AEAC Budget Input Deputation be approved as amended for presentation to the Board of Trustees on April 5.</p> <p>Carried.</p>	Amy and Anika
	6.4 Trustee Awards	<p>Pauline Fontaine nominated Emma Haliuk – a grade 8 student at Ecole Gron Morgan. Emma always encourages other students to take Native Studies and she was the student who made the “After Hours” telephone message in three languages.</p> <p>Moved by Pauline Fontaine and seconded by Helaina Kwandibens that AEAC nominate Emma Haliuk, grade 8 student at Ecole Gron Morgan for the Trustee Character Award.</p> <p>Abstentions: Ellen and Robin</p> <p>Carried</p>	

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7.	New Business		
	7.1 OPSOA Awards	<p>Moved by Pauline Fontaine and seconded by Helaina Kwandibens that AEAC nominate Felicia Waboose for the OPSOA Award for 2015-2016.</p> <p>Abstention : Ellen Chambers</p> <p>Carried</p>	Sherri-Lynne Pharand
	7.2 Racism in Our Schools	<p>Dolores Wawia gave some background on racism and bullying in our schools in the past and present.</p> <p>Sherri-Lynne expressed concern regarding the existence of racism in our community ... and our schools. We have worked on education and training but we haven't gotten rid of racism. This topic will be further discussed at the next AEAC meeting.</p>	Dolores Wawia
8.	Ongoing Business		
	8.1 Updates	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Class visits to Native Beliefs & Values, Native Arts, and Native Language classes (at Churchill and Hammarskjold) 2. Supporting staff with the Tim Horton's camp-mid Oct. 3. AYARA winners - May 5 – 40 winners - 21 from our Board! 4. Travel to Armstrong – Thursday, April 14 5. Travel to Fort Hope – tentative, perhaps in June 6. NAD <u>Education Day</u> – June 1 – at LU Fieldhouse (9 groups from our school) – June 21 is NAD at Prince Arthur Waterfront 7. Connecting Anishinaabe and Western Ways of Knowing Mathematics – Cultural Trade and Design (instead of crafts) 8. Cultural Sensitivity Training – continuation of training in April 9. CCUPCY (Community Coalition Unified for the Protection of our Children and Youth) - Fall Harvest – Sept. 3rd week 10. Forums: Children and Youth; Youth Forum on Violence Against Women 	Dr. Amy Farrell-Morneau

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		Amy made a request to purchase 'give aways' that reflect AEAC. A cloth bag was suggested. The committee agreed and Amy will work with Heather Houston on the graphics.	
	8.2 Updates to Aboriginal Presence in Our Schools booklet	DEFERRED to June meeting due to lack of time.	Dr. Amy Farrell - Morneau
	8.3 ARC - Report	ARC – South Orientation Meeting was March 29 April 7 th = first Public Meeting April 18 th = Working Meeting #1 June 1 st = Working Meeting #2	Pauline Fontaine Brenda to send emails to reps re all meeting dates.
9.	Information and Inquiries		
	9.1	The Truth and Reconciliation Commission Motion that was put forth by AEAC was supported by Trustees and at end of Feb. the Trustees passed the motion at Board Meeting.	Sherri-Lynne Pharand
	9.2	Lawrence Baxter will be speaking to grade 5 students at Woodcrest to discuss Aboriginal culture. He noted that Bob Rae is willing to come and speak about treaties. Sherri-Lynne thanked Lawrence and suggested he contact the principal who will go through the Communications Officer, Bruce Nugent to firm up plans for this visit.	
10.	Closing Ceremonies	Gerry Martin closed the meeting with a prayer.	
11.	Next Meeting:	Thursday, May 19, 2016	
12.	Adjournment:	The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.	