



ABORIGINAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, February 16, 2017, Board Room, Education Centre

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sherri-Lynne Pharand, Dolores Wawia, Pauline Fontaine, Cathy Ferrazzo, Elliott Cromarty, Dr. Amy Farrell-Morneau, Anika Guthrie, Elder Isabelle Mercier, Jane Lower, Serena Essex, Sharon Kanutski, Lawrence Baxter, Trustee Arnone

ABSENT WITH REGRET: Trustee Chambers, Elyse Big George, Chris Ooshag, Beverley White-Kokeza, Kathy Beardy, Elder Gerry Martin, Neil Workman, Brittany Collins, Robin Haliuk, Trustee Saarinen, Ocean Meekis, Suzanne Tardif

ABSENT: Mike Judge, Donnalee Morettin, Nicole Walter Rowan

GUESTS: **Ashleigh Spooner – UAS Youth Conference Coordinator; Kirsti Alaksa - Manager, Finance LDSB; Angela Lee-Wiwcharyk – Supervisor, Finance LDSB; Pytor Hodgson – CEO, Three Things Consulting; Arabi Rajeswaran, Three Things Consulting, Anna Fern Kakegamic, NAN**

	AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1.	Opening Ceremonies	Sherri-Lynne Pharand called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. and asked Elder Mercier to conduct the opening.	Elder Mercier
2.	Welcome and Introductions	<p>Sherri-Lynne thanked Elder Mercier for the opening.</p> <p>Sherri-Lynne welcomed everyone, including our guests: Ashleigh Spooner – UAS Youth Conference Coordinator; Kirsti Alaksa - Manager, Finance LDSB; Angela Lee-Wiwcharyk – Supervisor, Finance LDSB; Pytor Hodgson – CEO, Three Things Consulting; Arabi Rajeswaran, Three Things Consulting, Anna Fern Kakegamic, NAN (Alternate Member for Kathy Beardy)</p> <p>Regrets and substitutions were noted and the attendance sheet was circulated.</p>	

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3.	Agenda / Minutes		
	3.1 Approval of Agenda – Feb. 16, 2017	Moved by Pauline Fontaine and seconded by Serena Essex that the agenda for the February 16, 2017 meeting be approved as written. Carried.	
	3.2 Approval of Minutes – Dec. 15, 2016	Moved by Pauline Fontaine and seconded by Sharon Kanutski that the minutes for the December 15, 2016 AEAC meeting be approved as written. Carried.	
4.	Correspondence	The correspondence file was circulated.	
5.	Presentations		
	5.1 Urban Aboriginal Strategy – Youth Job and Business Conference	Ashleigh Spooner explained her role with ONWA and gave an overview of the Urban Aboriginal Youth Employment Conference being held on March 23 – 24 from 2:30 – 6:00 pm at the Victoria Inn. The goal of the sessions is to empower youth. Transportation will be provided for this free conference. Certification training in CPR, Smart Serve, WHMIS and Safe Talk will also be offered at evening sessions, but students must have permission forms signed in order to participate. The conference will have many well-known key note speakers as well as a Job Fair where the you can meet the youth. All questions were answered.	Ashleigh Spooner – UAS Youth Conference Coordinator Dr. Amy Farrell-Morneau will assist Ashleigh to connect with the secondary schools. Sherri-Lynne Pharand will inform principals of the conference.
	5.2 2017 – 2018 Budget Presentation	Kirsti Alaksa gave a detailed overview of the 2017-2018 budget, including expenses from last year and projected expenses for this year. She asked for input from AEAC on how to use the dollars we get. The FNMI allocation is made up of 4 components: Native Language, Native Studies, Per Pupil Amount and Board Action Plan. Success of students is our mission, so this is what we strive for.	Kirsti Alaksa Angela Lee-Wiwcharyk

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		<p>The Budget Committee will meet on April 10 at which time AEAC is asked to present a budget deputation. Approval of the budget will be at the end of June.</p> <p>All questions were answered.</p>	
	5.3 Pathways to Education	<p>Pathways to Education is an National Organization that receives funding from the Federal Government, the Provincial Government to create 'a community' for students.</p> <p>It has started developing relationships with national Indigenous organizations focused on supporting Indigenous students. It is a commitment to develop new programs in a respectful and honourable way, engaging with an Indigenous approach to partnership development. The goal is to support the student journey giving young people what they need and require! It is similar to the Graduation Coach Program.</p> <p>The Pathways to Education Program provides a comprehensive set of academic, financial, social, and one-on-one supports to youth. The results of this unique Program have been groundbreaking, increasing high school graduation rates by an average of 85 per cent in all Pathways communities.</p> <p>All questions were answered.</p> <p>All members of AEAC were in favour of sending a letter of support to the Pathways to Education Board of Directors.</p>	<p>Pytor Hodgson</p> <p>Arabi Rajeswaran will follow-up</p>
6.	Business Arising from the Minutes		
	6.1 Transition Teams	<p>There will be two transition teams stuck:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Hyde Park and Kingsway</i> (Chaired by Colleen Kappel with Marg Arnone as the trustee) A representative from AEAC is needed to sit on this team. Sherri-Lynne Pharand explained what is involved in this position. Jane Lower attended on behalf of AEAC. 	Sherri-Lynne Pharand

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		<p>2. <i>Churchill and Westgate</i> (Chaired by Sherri-Lynne Pharand with George Saarinen as the trustee) The first meeting will be on February 27 at 6:30 pm at Westgate. Sharon Kanuski will attend on behalf of AEAC.</p>	
	6.2 Aboriginal Programs	Letter of Support re D. Lentz's programs – deferred to March meeting	Sherri-Lynne Pharand
	6.3 PIC Funding	Ideas for spending this funding. – deferred to March meeting	Sherri-Lynne Pharand
	6.4 Cultural Awareness Video	<p>A different approach to the Cultural Awareness training will take place starting this year. Dr. Amy Farrell-Morneau has produced a video for the 4th round of training for all staff. It reflects the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.</p> <p>The committee previewed the video and offered feedback. Everyone was in agreement regarding the content and the 'roll out' will go as scheduled. Dr. Amy Farrell-Morneau will provide an update at the March meeting.</p> <p>Sherri-Lynne Pharand thanked Dr. Amy Farrell-Morneau for her work producing this excellent video.</p>	Dr. Amy Farrell-Morneau
7.	New Business		
	7.1 Budget Deputation Sub Committee	<p>AEAC will present a Budget Deputation to the Board of Trustees on April 10 at 6:30 pm.</p> <p>Amy, Anika and Serena will draft a submission and forward it to Brenda for formatting prior to presenting it for approval at the March 30th meeting.</p>	Sherri-Lynne Pharand
	7.2 Work Plan 2017-2018	- Deferred to March meeting	Dr. Amy Farrell-Morneau

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8.	Updates	- Deferred to March meeting	
	8.1	Visit to Armstrong – Dec. 6, 2016	Dr. Amy Farrell-Morneau
	8.2	FNMI Presence in our Schools Booklet – revision	Dr. Amy Farrell-Morneau
	8.3	NAN EPP	Dr. Amy Farrell-Morneau
	8.4	Winterfest – Feb. 16 pm	Dr. Amy Farrell-Morneau
	8.5	Aboriginal Youth Achievement and Recognition Awards (AYARA)	Dr. Amy Farrell-Morneau
9.	Information and Inquiries		
	9.1	Sherri-Lynne reminded the committee of the upcoming Diversity Breakfast being held on March 22, 2017 7:30 – 9:00 a.m. at the Valhalla Inn. If you want a ticket, please contact Brenda Barradell.	
10.	Closing Ceremonies	Elder Mercier closed the meeting with a prayer.	
11.	Next Meeting	Thursday, March 30, 2016	
12.	Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.	