



**ABORIGINAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**DATE:** Thursday, March 30, 2017, Board Room, Education Centre

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sherri-Lynne Pharand, Dolores Wawia, Pauline Fontaine, Dr. Amy Farrell-Morneau, Anika Guthrie, Serena Essex, Sharon Kanutski, Lawrence Baxter, Trustee Chambers, Elyse Big George, Kathy Beardy, Neil Workman, Brittany Collins, Suzanne Tardif

**ABSENT WITH REGRET:** Cathy Ferrazzo, Elliott Cromarty, Jane Lower, Beverley White-Kokeza, Robin Haliuk, Trustee Saarinen, Ocean Meekis, Nicole Walter Rowan, Elder Gerry Martin, Elder Isabelle Mercier, Trustee Arnone

**ABSENT:** Mike Judge, Chris Ooshag, Donnalee Morettin

**GUESTS:** Denise Baxter, Felicia Waboose

|    | <b>AGENDA ITEM</b>                     | <b>DISCUSSION</b>  | <b>ACTION</b> |
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| 1. | Opening Ceremonies                     | Sherri-Lynne Pharand called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m. and asked Elder Felicia Waboose to conduct the opening.  |               |
| 2. | Welcome and Introductions              | <p>Sherri-Lynne thanked Felicia Waboose for the opening.</p> <p>Sherri-Lynne welcomed everyone, including our guests: Denise Baxter and Felicia Waboose. Introductions were made.</p> <p>Regrets and substitutions were noted and the attendance sheet was circulated.</p> |               |
| 3. | Agenda / Minutes                       |  |               |
|    | 3.1 Approval of Agenda – Mar. 30, 2017 | <p>Moved by Suzanne Tardif and seconded by Sharon Kanutski that the agenda for the March 30, 2017 meeting be approved as written.</p> <p><b>Carried.</b></p>   |               |

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|    | 3.2 Approval of Minutes<br>– Feb. 16, 2017 | Moved by Suzanne Tardif and seconded by Lawrence Baxter that the minutes for the February 16, 2017 AEAC meeting be approved as written.<br><br><b>Carried.</b>   |                         |
| 4. | Correspondence                             | The correspondence file was circulated.  |                         |
| 5. | Business Arising from the Minutes          |  |                         |
|    | 5.1 Work Plan                              | - deferred from Feb. meeting<br>Amy divided the committee into teams to work on specific parts of the work plan. The teams shared the highlights of their discussions with the committee as a whole. The information will be collated by Amy and brought back to the May meeting.  | Dr. Amy Farrell-Morneau |
|    | 5.2 Aboriginal Programs                    | Letter of Support re D. Lentz's programs – deferred from Feb. meeting<br><br>Committee members received a copy of the draft reply written in response to the comment printed in the Chronicle Journal regarding the article: Students Take on Knowledge of Treaties. Sherri-Lynne asked members to think about the letter and be ready to give input at the May meeting. The response will be posted on the website. It was suggested that the letter include some information on the activities that took place during Treaty Recognition Week. | Sherri-Lynne Pharand    |
|    | 5.3 PIC Funding                            | - deferred from Feb. meeting<br><br>The committee discussed a variety of ideas for spending the PIC funding. Sherri-Lynne suggested that we consider all the ideas and we would discuss it again at a later date.  | Sherri-Lynne Pharand    |
|    | 5.4 Video                                  | Birch Bark Basket video – via Anika (from McKellar)<br>- Deferred to May 18 meeting  |                         |

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| 6. | New Business          |  |   |
|    | 6.1 Adult Education   | <p>Denise Baxter gave a very informative talk describing the programs and services available through Adult Education. They include, but are not limited to Literacy and Numeracy, Distance Education; Ojibwe evening course; Lunch and Learns; Drum Group; Indigenous Collaborative Inquiry.</p> <p>Denise will provide more information on courses and programs to anyone who has inquiries.</p> <p>This year will see the 30<sup>th</sup> graduating class in Adult Education at Lakehead District School Board.</p> | Denise Baxter   |
|    | 6.2 Budget Deputation | <p>The draft budget deputation was discussed and small revisions made on recommendations of the committee.</p> <p>Moved by Pauline Fontaine and seconded by Suzann Tardif, that we approve the AEAC deputation as amended for 2017 – 2018 budget year.</p> <p><b>CARRIED</b></p> <p>Suzanne Tardif volunteered to present the deputation to the Board of Trustees on April 10<sup>th</sup>.</p>  | <p>Dr. Amy Farrell-Morneau</p> <p>Brenda will provide speaking notes.</p> |
|    | 6.3 Role Titles       | <p>Sherri-Lynne noted that we have a variety of positions in our system that we didn't have when this committee first started. The question has arisen as to the use of Native, Indigenous, FNMI.</p> <p>It is confusing when we use a variety of different titles and we want to be consistent. Some staff are requesting Indigenous as part of their titles. It was decided that further discussion is needed so we will re-visit this discussion at a future meeting.</p>   | Sherri-Lynne Pharand  |

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| 7.  | Updates                          |   |                         |
|     | 7.1                              | Visit to Armstrong – Dec. 6, 2016 (deferred from Dec. meeting)  | Dr. Amy Farrell-Morneau |
|     |                                  | FNMI Presence in our Schools Booklet – revision (deferred from Dec. meeting)  |                         |
|     |                                  | NAN EPP (deferred from Dec. meeting)  |                         |
|     |                                  | Winterfest – Feb. 16 pm   |                         |
|     |                                  | Aboriginal Youth Achievement and Recognition Awards (AYARA)<br>We had 100 applications this year ... competition was fierce!<br>Of the 36 winners – there are eleven winners from our Board.<br><br>Those interested in attending should contact Brenda Barradell for a ticket. |                         |
|     | 7.2 Transition Teams             | - No discussion   | Sherri-Lynne Pharand    |
| 8.  | Information and Inquiries        |   |                         |
|     | 8.1 Indigenous Community Liaison | - Deferred to May 18 <sup>th</sup> meeting  |                         |
|     | 8.2 Cultural Training Video      | Based on feedback from AEAC, Sherri-Lynne asked Amy to review the Cultural Training video and make some minor revisions related to resiliency prior to beginning training with staff.   |                         |
|     | 8.3 Lawrence Baxter              | Lawrence expressed his opinion that we should acknowledge being on traditional territory when we begin our AEAC meetings.   |                         |
| 9.  | Closing Ceremonies               | Felicia Waboose closed the meeting with a prayer.   |                         |
| 10. | Next Meeting                     | Thursday, May 18, 2017  |                         |
| 11. | Adjournment                      | The meeting adjourned at 12:35 pm   |                         |