



ABORIGINAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, Sept. 20, 2018, Board Room, Education Centre

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sharon Kanutski, Sherri-Lynne Pharand, Dolores Wawia, Brandon Moonias, Skylene Metatawabin, Brittany Collins, Ashley Nurmela, Jasmine Sgambelluri, Trustee Marg Arnone, Donna Flaszka, Selena Baxter, Trustee Ellen Chambers, Anna Fern Kakegamic, Kathleen Andrews, Donica LeBlanc, Cheryl Zewiec, Elliott Cromarty, Kathy Beardy, Mike Judge, Leslie Hynnes, Jane Lower, Fred Val Elburg

ABSENT WITH REGRET: Pauline Fontaine, Chris Larocque, Elder Gerry Martin, Serena Essex, Lawrence Baxter, Elder Isabelle Mercier

GUESTS: **Kieren McMonagle, Anika Guthrie, Bruce Nugent**

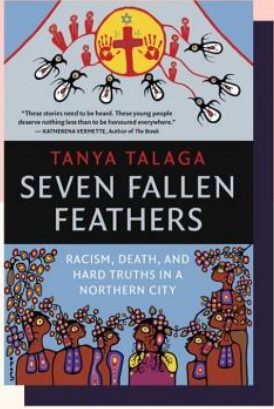

	AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1.	Opening Ceremonies	Sherri-Lynne Pharand called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and asked Dolores Wawia to conduct the opening.	
2.	Welcome and Introductions	2.1 Sherri-Lynne Pharand thanked Dolores Wawia for the opening. She welcomed everyone, including our guests and introductions were made. Regrets and substitutions were noted and the attendance sheet was circulated.	
3.	Agenda / Minutes		
	3.1 Approval of Agenda – Sept. 20, 2018	Moved by Marg Arnone and seconded by Sharon Kanutski that the agenda for the Sept. 20 th meeting be approved with the addition of item # 9.3 Ontario Human Rights Commission (Kathy Beardy). Carried.	
	3.2 Approval of Minutes – June 14, 2018	Moved by Donna Flaszka and seconded by Selena Baxter that the minutes for the June 14 th , 2018 AEAC meeting be approved as written. Carried.	

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4.	Correspondence	The correspondence file was circulated.	
5.	Presentations		
	5.1 Anika Guthrie – Birch Bark Baskets	<p>Video Presentation – Making Birch Bark Baskets at McKellar School was a project honouring Indigenous approaches to learning math. The project was conducted by Ruth Beatty, Project Lead from LU, Danielle Blair, Project Lead from CODE and Anika Guthrie from LDSB, with the help of instructors from Fort William Historical Park.</p> <p>This was a truly holistic experience for the students and an excellent way of learning math that children will never forget.</p> <p>All questions were answered.</p>	Anika Guthrie
	5.2 Mino Bimaadiziwin and Summer Camps	<p>a) Mino Bimaadiziwin (Live the Good Life) – video presentation This summer camp was held at Fort William Historical Park from Aug. 19 – 24 with twenty-nine (29) students participating.</p> <p>It was a complete success, thanks to the dedication of the LDSB staff as well as our partners: Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre Thunder Bay Police Services Christina Ruddy – Pikwakanagan FN</p>	Anika Guthrie
		<p>b) Summer Camps – video presentation Donica shared a video and an informative presentation outlining all the summer opportunities that were offered this year, including: Elementary Summer Programs Kindergarten Oral Language Gearing Up for Kindergarten Gr. 5/6 Experiential Math Program (at the Carpenters Union) Robotics English Language Learner Gr. 8 to 9 Reach Ahead Summer co-Op</p>	Donica LeBlanc

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		<p>Focus on Youth Mino Bimaadiziwin Secondary Credit Recovery / Dual Credit</p> <p>These programs offered class instruction time as well as field trips.</p> <p>SLP thanked Donica LeBlanc , Jane Lower and their staff for providing these excellent opportunities for students this summer!</p> <p>All questions were answered.</p>	
6.	Business Arising from the Minutes		
	6.1 PIC Funding for 2017 – 2018	<p>PIC Funding \$1,125.00</p> <p>On October 5th from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. a Pow Wow will be held on Board property to welcome students and families to the 2018 – 2019 school It will provide an opportunity to share culture and tradition..</p> <p>Moved by Sharon Kanutski and seconded by Selena Baxter that AEAC approve the use of the PIC funding to host a Pow Wow on the Board property.</p> <p>Carried</p>	<p>Sherri-Lynne Pharand Ashley Nurmela</p> <p>- An extension was granted for PIC Report</p>
	6.2 Anti-Racism / Inclusion	<p>Safety and Equity Revision</p> <p>Ashley Nurmela and Bruce Nugent gave an update on the Anti-Racism / Inclusion Campaign. A video will be produced by Generator and will be brought back to AEAC at the November meeting for comments and further input. This video will incorporate what the students suggested as this is the foundation of the whole initiative. Ashley will provide training to all staff.</p>	<p>Ashley Nurmela Bruce Nugent</p>
	6.3 Work Plan	- Deferred to special October meeting	Ashley Nurmela

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		<p>Moved by Donna Flasz and seconded by Selena Baxter that we have an October AEAC meeting on October 18, 2018 – to focus on only the work plan.</p> <p>Carried</p>	
7.	New Business		
	7.1 Native Studies/Native Language Program for 2018-2019	<p>SLP gave an update on the secondary Native Studies and Native Language Programs for 2018 – 2019</p> <p>It was noted that Elmer Baxter and Felicia Waboose are the elders who test prospective Native Language teachers for their fluency proficiency.</p> <p>All questions were answered.</p>	Sherri-Lynne Pharand
	7.2 Policy Review	<p>Ashley to be reviewing / revising 8061 Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee Policy and Procedure. This policy has gone out to constituents for their input and comments. Closing date for constituent comments is October 24.</p> <p>Ashley will share the proposed revisions at the October meeting.</p>	Sherri-Lynne Pharand
	7.3 Meeting Date Change	<p>Moved by Sharon Kanutski and seconded by Kathy Beardy that the March AEAC meeting be changed from March 28, 2019 to March 21, 2019.</p> <p>Carried.</p>	Sherri-Lynne Pharand
	7.4 PIC Members	<p>PIC member and alternate for 2018 – 2019 school year - Present member is Serena Essex and alternate is Sharon Kanutski</p> <p>Sharon explained that they alternate positions and this year she will be the member with Serena Essex as the alternate. This will be approved at the next meeting as Serena was not in attendance today.</p>	<p>Sherri-Lynne Pharand</p> <p>Defer to next meeting to approve.</p>
	7.5 Cultural Sensitivity Training for 2017-2018	- please see # 6.2	<p>Ashley Nurmela</p> <p>Sherri-Lynne Pharand</p>

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8.	Updates		
		<p>8.1 Fall Harvest at FWHP</p> <p>8.2 Nibii-Mamowechitiwin – Youth Water Gathering 2018</p> <p>8.3 NAD – name change</p> <p>8.4 NAN Orientation</p>	Ashley Nurmela – a written account of the updates is included in the minutes.
9.	Information and Inquiries		
	9.1 Treaty Week	<p>Date – week before November 11</p> <p>We were the only board in the north west to target so many schools and we will do it again this year. More info to come.</p>	Ashley Nurmela
	9.2 First Nations Women's Day	<p>We received an Invitation to Beendigen's 10th Annual First Nations Women's Day Celebration which will be held on Oct. 4, 2018 from 5:30 – 10:30 at the Airline Hotel.</p> <p>We can nominate an indigenous woman who has made a significant impact AEAC nominated Dolores Wawia to receive recognition at this event.</p>	Sherri-Lynne Pharand
	9.3 Ontario Human Rights Commission	<p>Kathy Beardy shared a request from the Ontario Human Rights commission, through the Chiefs of Ontario.</p> <p>They want to conduct a focus group with students on how they can support human rights needs. It will be a teleconference on Oct. 22 from 9:30 – 12:00 and students could receive volunteer hours for attending. The grad coaches will be sent the information and make the arrangements.</p> <p>Sherri-Lynne extended thanks to NAN for the opportunity to participate.</p>	Kathy Beardy
	9.4 Tanya Talaga – CBC Massey Lectures	<p>Tanya Talaga – author of Seven Fallen Feathers will be hosting a book talk with students at Hammarskjold on Oct. 16 from 1:00 – 2:30. She will also be delivering a Massey Lecture entitled 'All Our Relations – Finding the</p>	Sherri-Lynne Pharand

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		<p>Path Forward' on October 16 – 7 pm at the Thunder Bay Community Auditorium. We have some VIP passes for special seating and a reception following the lecture at the Chanterelle. AEAC members are invited to attend.</p> <div data-bbox="575 370 1346 946" style="display: flex; align-items: center;">   </div>	
10.	Closing	Dolores Wawia closed the meeting with a prayer.	
11.	Next Meeting	**Special Meeting ** Thursday, October 18, 2018	
12.	Adjournment	12:00 noon	