



ABORIGINAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, Nov. 15, 2018, Board Room, Education Centre

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sharon Kanutski, Sherri-Lynne Pharand, Dolores Wawia, Brandon Moonias, Ashley Nurmela, Trustee Marg Arnone, Donna Flasz, Trustee Ellen Chambers, Lawrence Baxter, Noel Jones, Donica LeBlanc, Cheryl King-Zewiec, Elliott Cromarty, Leslie Hynnes, Jane Lower, Brittany Collins, Kathy Beardy, Dinah Jung, Skylene Metatawabin, Serena Essex, Pauline Fontaine, Elder Gerry Martin

ABSENT WITH REGRET: Chris Larocque, Jasmin Sgambelluri, Elder Isabelle Mercier, Mike Judge, Selena Baxter, Fred Van Elburg

GUESTS: **Tanya Moses, Melissa Roberts, Jo Jo Guillet; Mahejabeen Ebrahim (Human Rights and Equity Advisor)**

	AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1.	Opening Ceremonies	Sherri-Lynne Pharand called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and asked Elder Gerry Martin to conduct the opening.	
2.	Welcome and Introductions	Sherri-Lynne Pharand thanked Elder Martin 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 – Nov. 15, 2018	Moved by Pauline Fontaine and seconded by Sharon Kanutski that the agenda for the Nov. 15th meeting be approved. Carried.	
	3.2 Approval of Minutes – Oct. 18, 2018	It was noted that two names were missing on the attendance list in the minutes.	

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		Moved by Brandon Moonias and seconded by Serena Essex that the minutes for the Oct. 18, 2018 AEAC meeting be approved as amended. Carried.	
4.	Correspondence	The correspondence file was circulated.	
5.	Presentations		
	Hammar skjold Cultural Academy	Jane Lower gave some background on the Alternative Secondary School Program (ASSP) aka the Cultural Academy at Hammar skjold and introduced the teachers: Melissa Roberts and Tanya Moses. Sherri-Lynne explained the intent of the program was re-engagement of grade 9 and 10 students by recognizing that traditional ways of learning are very important. This is the newest of 11 programs running across Ontario. The program is called: Kendomang Kendomang Zhagodenamonon Kendomang (knowledge) Zhagodenamonon (7 Grandfather Teachings) Lodge (a place where we are/meet) The main focus of the program is: land, language, community and environment. The PowerPoint presentation which was shared today will be downloaded to the AEAC website.	Melissa Roberts Tanya Moses
6.	Business Arising from Minutes		
	Work Plan	Ashley Nurmela walked the committee through the revised document, item by item and asked for any additional changes. She will incorporate all changes and a final revision will be distributed for approval at a future meeting. All questions were addressed by Sherri-Lynne and Ashley.	Ashley Nurmela
7.	New Business		
	7.1 Staff Training	Ashley Nurmela asked the Committee for ideas to be incorporated into the staff training for this year. Mahajabeen Ebrahim (Human Rights and Equity Advisor) offered to help with the concept and design from an equity perspective.	Ashley Nurmela

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	7.2 Recruiting	<p>The draft will be presented to AEAC at a future meeting, before training begins with staff.</p> <p>Recruiting is ongoing for Parent and Agency members of AEAC. On November 5th, the Board approved the AEAC policy change, increasing the Agency members to six (6) plus one voting elder.</p> <p>Several ideas were suggested on how to outreach. Ashley will follow up with the new strategies.</p>	Sherri-Lynne Pharand
8.	Updates	<p>8.1 Indspire</p> <p>8.2 Bus Tours</p> <p>8.3 Treaty Week</p> <p>8.4 Nibii-Mamowechitiwin – Youth Water Gathering 2018</p> <p>8.5 Health Fair / Wellness Expo</p> <p>8.6 Miigwetch – Trustee Recognition</p> <p>8.7 Native Language Update – Sherri-Lynne Pharand shared the elementary native language course information and explained that a pilot project with Biwaase’aa is starting.</p> <p>8.8 Building our Bundles through ONWA Dolores spoke about her involvement with leaders in our community. ONWA honoured the women who are leaders in our community.</p> <p>Sherri-Lynne asked for copies of the brochures for our schools.</p>	<p>Ashley Nurmela provided a written handout</p> <p>Sherri-Lynne Pharand</p> <p>Dolores Wawia</p> <p>Dolores Wawia to supply copies</p>
9.	Information and Inquiries	<p>9.1 Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee Annual Report Ashley Nurmela volunteered to present the Annual Report to Trustees at the Board Meeting on Dec. 4, 2018.</p>	Sherri-Lynne Pharand

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		<p>9.2 Sherri-Lynne congratulated Dolores Wawia on behalf of AEAC for the award she received at the Beendigen First Nations Women's Day on October 4, 2018.</p> <p>9.3 Kathy Beardy noted that NAN's Education Partnerships Program will be hosting a Best Practices Forum on January 28, 2019 and they will be calling for presentations in December. The Cultural Academy presentation would be excellent for this forum.</p> <p>9.4 Dolores Wawia informed the committee that Sherri-Lynne Pharand will be honoured with a Sacred Circle Blanket at the December AEAC meeting.</p>	<p>Sherri-Lynne Pharand</p> <p>Kathy Beardy</p> <p>Dolores Wawia</p>
10.	Closing	Gerry Martin closed the meeting with a prayer.	
11.	Next Meeting	Thursday, December 13, 2018.	
12.	Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 12:07 pm	