



**ABORIGINAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

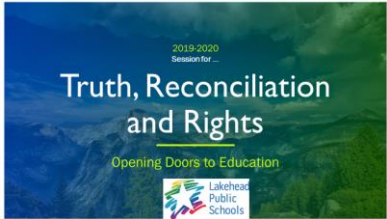
**DATE:** Thursday, February 7, 2019, Board Room, Education Centre

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sharon Kanutski, Sherri-Lynne Pharand, Dolores Wawia, Skylene Metatawabin, Ashley Nurmela, Board Chair Ellen Chambers, Lawrence Baxter, Noel Jones, Cheryl King-Zewiec, Elliott Cromarty, Maggie Rutter, Jane Lower, Fred Van Elburg, Kathy Beardy, Dinah Jung, Mahejabeen Ebrahim, Jasmine Sgambelluri, Anika Guthrie, Trustee Ryan Sitch; Pauline Fontaine, Elder Gerry Martin, Serena Essex

**ABSENT WITH REGRET:** Chris Larocque, Elder Isabelle Mercier, Mike Judge, Jasmin Sgambelluri, Donna Flaszka, Brandon Moonias, Trustee Marg Arnone, Brittany Collins

**GUESTS:** Jo Jo Guillet, Ministry of Education; Lisa Korteweg, LU; Colleen Kappel, Superintendent of Education

	<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
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	2.1 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 – Feb. 7, 2019	Moved by Pauline Fontaine and seconded by Sharon Kanutski that the agenda for the Feb. 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2019 AEAC meeting be approved.  <b>Carried.</b>	
	3.2 Approval of Minutes – Dec. 13, 2018	Moved by Pauline Fontaine and seconded by Kathy Beardy that the minutes for the Dec. 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2018 AEAC meeting be approved.  <b>Carried.</b>	

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4.	Correspondence	The correspondence file was circulated	
5.	Presentations		
	5.1 Global Competency Project	<p>Lisa Korteweg and Colleen Kappel gave a presentation on the Global Competencies from Indigenous Perspectives Project – a CODE Project funded by MoE (OPSOA).</p> <p>The PowerPoint presentation will be distributed with the minutes.</p> <p>AEAC members were asked for input and many shared ideas and suggestions.</p> <p>All questions were answered.</p>	<p>Colleen Kappel Lisa Korteweg</p>
6.	Business Arising from Minutes		
	6.1 Staff Cultural Training	<p>Ashley Nurmela and Mahejabeen Ebrahim (Human Rights and Equity Advisor) have designed a training outline from an equity perspective. They shared their presentation for AEAC's approval.</p> <p>The presentation began with a video entitled: For Angela. The PowerPoint presentation will be distributed with the minutes. AEAC approved the presentation for staff cultural training.</p> 	<p>Ashley Nurmela Mahejabeen Ebrahim</p>
	6.2 Work Plan	<p>Ashley Nurmela incorporated all changes that were discussed and the final revision was distributed for approval. AEAC members were asked to review this final draft and its approval will be voted on at the next meeting.</p>	<p>Ashley Nurmela</p>

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	6.3 Recruiting of AEAC Members	<p>Recruiting is ongoing for Parent and Agency members of AEAC. On November 5<sup>th</sup>, the Board approved the AEAC policy change, increasing the Agency members to five (5) plus one voting elder. The Parent component is six (6).</p> <p>Several ideas were suggested on how to outreach. Ashley spoke to many parents at the Kindergarten Registration Night and will continue to follow up with the new strategies. It was noted that applications are available on the website for those interested.</p>	Ashley Nurmela
7.	New Business		
	<p>7.1 Research by Heather Harris</p> <p>7.2 Selena Baxter</p> <p>7.3 Sponsorship Request</p>	<p>Deferred to next meeting.</p> <p>Our student representative, Selena Baxter has tendered her resignation from AEAC, citing workload in her final year as the reason. AEAC totally understands her need to put her studies first and the committee wishes her well in her studies. Brandon Moonias will take over as the Student representative.</p> <p>We received a request for Sponsorship of National Indigenous Peoples Day, in the amount of \$750.</p> <p>The committee agreed that this was a worthwhile event and that AEAC should continue to provide financial support.</p>	Sherri-Lynne Pharand
8.	Updates		
		<p>8.1 Elder Visits to Schools</p> <p>8.2 Kindergarten Registration</p> <p>8.3 AYARA Nominations</p> <p>8.4 National Indigenous Peoples Day</p> <p>8.5 Self Identification</p> <p>8.6 Stand Up and Speak Up</p> <p>8.7 Coming Together to Talk</p> <p>Due to time constraints, Ashley Nurmela was unable to give a verbal update. However, members received a handout. She will review these updates and address any questions at the next meeting.</p>	Ashley Nurmela

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9.	Information and Inquiries	<p>Board Chair Ellen Chambers spoke briefly about an upcoming event originally called 'Coming Together to Talk'. It has been re-named: "Coming Together to Talk With Youth – A Community Conversation With Hope".</p> <p><i>The Communication and Education Committee of Diversity Thunder Bay in partnership with Lakehead University, the City of Thunder Bay and others are inviting secondary school students to view 'Coming Together to Talk', a film by produced by Michelle Desrosier of Thunderstone Pictures film, co-directed by Ardelle Sagutcheway, Casha Adams, and Savanna Boucher. 'Coming Together to Talk' is an Indigenous youth film production that explores the realities of Indigenous youth in Thunder Bay and possibilities for positive change.</i></p> <p>Information will be sent to AEAC members in which Chair Chambers will request input before it is sent to the schools.</p>	<p>Board Chair Ellen Chambers</p> <p>Brenda to send information to AEAC members.</p>
10.	Closing	Gerry Martin closed the meeting with a prayer.	
11.	Next Meeting	Thursday, March 21, 2019	
12.	Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm	