



**ABORIGINAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**DATE:** Thursday, May 16, 2019, Board Room, Education Centre

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sharon Kanutski, Sherri-Lynne Pharand, Elliott Cromarty, Maggie Rutter, Jane Lower Pauline Fontaine, Elder Gerry Martin, Serena Essex, Elder Isabelle Mercier, Jasmine Sgambelluri, Anna Fern Kakegamic (alternate for Kathy Beardy), Anika Guthrie, Trustee Ryan Sitch; Mike Judge, Donna Flasz; Fred Van Elburg, Ashley Nurmela, Dolores Wawia, Mahejabeen Ebrahim

**ABSENT WITH REGRET:** Chris Larocque, Brandon Moonias, Kathy Beardy, Board Chair Ellen Chambers, Lawrence Baxter, Noel Jones, Cheryl King-Zewiec, Brittany Collins, AJ Keene; Leanna Marshall, Skylene Metatawabin

**GUESTS:** **Corine Bannon; Charlotte Neckoway; Ardelle Sagutcheway; Lindsay Catlin-Gravelle**

	<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
1.	Opening Ceremonies	Sherri-Lynne Pharand called the meeting to order at 9:35 am and asked Dolores Wawia to conduct the opening.	
2.	Welcome and Introductions	2.1 Sherri-Lynne Pharand thanked Elder 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 – May 16, 2019	Moved by Sharon Kanutski and seconded by Pauline Fontaine that the agenda for the May 16, 2019 AEAC meeting be approved with the addition of - 8.3 - Ongoing Business - Flags.  <b>Carried</b>	

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	3.2 Approval of Minutes – April 18, 2019	Moved by Pauline Fontaine and seconded by Sharon Kanutski that the minutes for the April 18, 2019 AEAC meeting be approved.  <b>Carried.</b>	
4.	Correspondence	The correspondence file was circulated	
5.	Presentations		
	5.1 Native Language Teachers Presentation	<p>Native Language Teachers Presentation Tobacco was offered to the co-chairs, in the spirit of language.</p> <p>Corine Bannon and Charlotte Neckoway shared a PowerPoint presentation which showed how they incorporate aboriginal language in their instruction of traditions and teachings.</p> <p>It was evident from their presentation that language is the focal point of the culture.</p> <p>SLP thanked them for coming and sharing the excellent work they do in the classrooms with the committee.</p> <p>The presenters expressed their concern for the lack of supply teachers in their field. Sherri-Lynne asked Corine and Charlotte to send the names of possible native language supply teachers to her so they could be added to SmartFind.</p>	Corine Bannon Charlotte Neckoway
	5.2 Racial Equity Campaign	<p>Sherri-Lynne gave an update on the Racial Equity Campaign (formerly known as the Anti-Racism Campaign).</p> <p>She noted that the professional learning: “Truth, Reconciliation and Rights - Opening Doors to Education” started on May 16 and Ashley Nurmela informed the committee that the training has been welcomed with open arms and open minds.</p> <p>Anika Guthrie shared the highlights of the recent meeting with Generator where they looked at actions (training and student voice), prioritization and</p>	Sherri-Lynne Pharand Anika Guthrie

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		<p>who is the lead on each item. They will have an input at the June AEAC meeting.</p> <p>Sherry-Lynne reiterated that the committee was looking forward to hearing the student voice which vital to the project.</p>	
6.	Business Arising from Minutes		
	6.1 Student Rep Concern	Deferred from April meeting	Brandon Moonias-
	6.2 Work Plan	<p>Anika Guthrie and Jasmine Sgambelluri presented the revised work plan for the committee's approval. The revisions and suggestions will be incorporated and the final revision will be distributed at the June meeting.</p> <p>It was suggested that the Racial Equity Campaign (which is part of the work plan) be re-named as the 'Cultural Safety Strategy' as this name doesn't contain any judgmental words.</p> <p>Moved by Serena Essex and Seconded by Pauline Fontaine that the 2018 – 2021 AEAC Workplan be approved as amended.</p> <p><b>Carried.</b></p>	Ashley Nurmela Jasmine Sgambelluri Anika Guthrie
	6.3 Coming Together to Talk' Event – April 30 at LU	<p>In the absence of Board Chair Ellen Chambers, Ardelle Sagutcheway updated AEAC on the event: 'Coming Together to Talk'.</p> <p>This event was well attended and deemed a success.</p> <p>Anyone interested in purchasing a sweatshirt for \$20, please contact Brenda with size and payment. Board Chair Ellen Chambers will bring sweatshirts to June AEAC meeting.</p>	Ardelle Sagutcheway

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7.	New Business		
	7.1 Calendar for 2019 - 2020	<p>Each year at the May meeting, dates for the following year's AEAC meeting are set</p> <p>Proposed dates for 2019 – 2020 school year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Thursday, Sept. 19, 2019</li> <li>➤ Thursday, Nov. 14, 2019</li> <li>➤ Thursday, Dec. 12, 2019</li> <li>➤ Thursday, Feb. 13, 2020</li> <li>➤ Thursday, March 26, 2020</li> <li>➤ Thursday, May 14, 2020</li> <li>➤ Thursday, June 11, 2020</li> </ul> <p>Moved by Sharon Kanutski and seconded by Pauline Fontaine that the meeting dates proposed for the 2019 – 2020 school year be approved.</p> <p><b>Carried.</b></p>	Sherri-Lynne Pharand
	7.2 PIC	<p>A letter from Ian MacRae asking for an AEAC representative (and alternate) for the Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) was read.</p> <p>Sharon Kanutski and Serena Essex have shared this position, alternating between representative and alternate representative for the last few years. Serena suggested that perhaps someone else might like to take over. Sharon Kanutski explained the role and Sherri-Lynne Pharand asked members to think about it and we will make a decision at the June meeting.</p>	Sherri-Lynne Pharand
	7.3 Community Pow Wow	<p>The Community Pow Wow is now scheduled for Wednesday, June 12 from 4 – 7 pm on the Board Office grounds. An alternate 'rain' location will be confirmed by Ashley Nurmela.</p> <p>Brenda will send a meeting request to all members.</p>	Ashley Nurmela

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8.	Ongoing Business		
	8.1	<p>Native Language Supports and Resources Anika Guthrie and Jasmine Sgambelluri updated AEAC on the new resources (smart tvs in NL classrooms and 5 new iPads) and supports (fluent language teacher hired and interviewing others) available to/for the Native Language teachers. Both staff have attended career fairs at LU and Confederation College to encourage new applicants.</p> <p>It was suggested that the wording on the postings be revisited with HR staff.</p>	Anika Guthrie Jasmine Sgambelluri
	8.2	<p>First Nation Trustee On Thursday, May 23 Gerry Martin and Sherri-Lynne Pharand will give a presentation at an Informal Trustee meeting.</p> <p>An update will be given at the June meeting. We are having an Informal Trustee meeting on May 23.</p>	Sherri-Lynne Pharand
	8.3	<p>Flag Pole ... re FWFN A second flag pole will be erected at the Board Office in the near future. Trustee Sitch asked for AEAC's opinion on having flags of our Territorial Student Program communities flown when the flag pole is not in use for another purpose.</p> <p>Moved by Ryan Sitch and seconded by Gerry Martin that LDSB trustees consider flying the flags of our First Nation Communities that are part of our Board.</p> <p><b>Carried.</b></p>	Ryan Sitch  SLP and Dolores to send letter to trustees.
9.	Updates		
		<p>9.1 AYARA 9.2 National Indigenous Peoples Day &amp; Education Day 9.3 Professional Learning</p>	Ashley Nurmela (handout given to members)

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10.	Information and Inquiries	<p>10.1 Transitions –</p> <p>Jane shared that they are working collaboratively to develop a process for education counsellors/community partners to work together with school and system staff to ensure that the needs of students are met. There was dialogue about the increased support for students as they plan for post-secondary which community has found to be beneficial for students. A recommendation was made to increase communication for parents around pathway planning and programs.</p> <p>10.2 Order of Canada Nomination</p> <p>Sherri-Lynne Pharand asked members of AEAC if they would be in favour of nominating Dolores Wawia to receive the Order of Canada because of her extensive work in the field of Indigenous education.</p> <p>Moved by Gerry Martin and seconded by Pauline Fontaine that LDSB Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee supports the application of Dolores Wawia for the Order of Canada.</p> <p><b>Carried.</b></p> <p>10.3 Minister of Education – Westgate CVI</p> <p>The Minister of Education will be in Thunder Bay on Tuesday, May21. She will visit Westgate at 1 pm to give an announcement about Indigenous education. Members of AEAC are encouraged to attend.</p>	<p>Jane Lower</p> <p>SLP</p>
11.	Closing	Elder Gerry Martin closed the meeting with a prayer.	
12.	Next Meeting	Thursday, June 13, 2019	
13.	Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm	

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