



**ABORIGINAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**DATE:** Thursday, June 13, 2019, Board Room, Education Centre

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sharon Kanutski, Sherri-Lynne Pharand, Elliott Cromarty, Maggie Rutter, Pauline Fontaine, Elder Gerry Martin, 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; Ardelle Sagutcheway; Lindsay Catlin-Gravelle; Kathy Beardy, Board Chair Ellen Chambers, Lawrence Baxter, Cheryl King-Zewiec, AJ Keene

**ABSENT WITH REGRET:** Chris Larocque, Elder Isabelle Mercier, Brandon Moonias, Noel Jones, Brittany Collins, Leanna Marshall, Skylene Metatawabin, Jane Lower, Serena Essex

**GUESTS:** **Jo Jo Guillet; Daniel Griffin, Generator**

	<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 new members (approved at May 28 <sup>th</sup> Board Meeting) and guests - introductions were made. Regrets and substitutions were noted and the attendance sheet was circulated.	
3.	Agenda / Minutes		
	3.1 Approval of Agenda – June 13, 2019	Moved by Pauline Fontaine and seconded by Sharon Kanutski that the agenda for the June 13, 2019 AEAC meeting be approved as amended with the addition of: 5.2 Indigenous Cultural Safety (ICS) Pilot Project  <b>Carried</b>	

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	3.2 Approval of Minutes – May 16, 2019	Moved by Cheryl King-Zewiec and seconded by Pauline Fontaine that the minutes for the May 16, 2019 AEAC meeting be approved.  <b>Carried.</b>	
4.	Correspondence	The correspondence file was circulated (along with an arrow head from Martin Falls area which will be given to Lawrence to return to his community where it was found many years ago).	
5.	Presentations		
	5.1 Presentation	Presentation to Jo Jo Guillet – Anita Guthrie presented Jo Jo Guillet, with a retirement gift to thank her for her advocacy over the years.	Anika Guthrie
	5.2 ICS Project	Indigenous Cultural Safety Pilot Project – Research into Alternate Education  Mahejabeen Ebrahim shared information on the Pilot Project which will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• explore cultural safety to remove systemic barriers for First Nations, Metis and Inuit youth;</li> <li>• deepen understanding on Indigenous cultural safety, human rights and equity;</li> <li>• enhance learning experience, increase sense of belonging and safety as well as leadership;</li> <li>• empower students and keep them in the classroom; and</li> <li>• address systemic issues that keep students in alternate education.</li> </ul>	Mahejabeen Ebrahim
	5.3 Cultural Safety Campaign – update	Formerly called: Racial Equity Campaign Daniel Griffin discussed the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• foundations;</li> <li>• priorities;</li> <li>• partnerships;</li> <li>• initiatives;</li> <li>• project leads for each piece;</li> <li>• timing; and</li> <li>• how to measure performance.</li> </ul> He handed out the ‘multi-faceted/ multi-year’ plan. Discussion ensued and some suggestions were given. AEAC members were supportive of the plan with the addition of the edits that were suggested.	Daniel Griffin Ashley Nurmela Anika Guthrie

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		<p>With AEAC's approval, Sherri-Lynne Pharand will bring it to trustees in the fall.</p> <p>During the Board's Strategic Planning in the fall, AEAC would like to ensure that the Cultural Safety Campaign is considered as an integral part of the process as a whole.</p> <p>Sherri-Lynne Pharand thanked the group for their efforts.</p>	
	5.4 Summer Program	<p>AJ Keene provided information on the summer camps that are running this year. There will be eleven (11) Elementary camps running from July 3 – 19 (8:30 – 2:30) every day – 4 Numeracy, 3 Literacy, 3 FNMI focus and 1 blended Literacy and Numeracy.</p> <p>Secondary Camps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Credit Recovery – Grades 9 – 12 – July 2 – 26</li> <li>• Dual Credits in Taste of the Trades and Culinary – Grades 11 – 12 - July 8 – 26</li> <li>• R4 Camp – Grades 9 – 10 – July 2 – 5</li> <li>• GLS credit in August – Reach Ahead – FNMI students going into Grade 9 in September – August 19 – 30 – Grad Coach supported</li> </ul> <p>A full report on summer camps will be provided at the September meeting.</p>	AJ Keene
6.	Business Arising from Minutes		
	6.1 Parent Involvement Committee (PIC)	<p>Sherri-Lynne reminded AEAC of the letter from Ian MacRae asking for an AEAC representative (and alternate) for the Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) for the 2019 – 2020 school year.</p> <p>Sharon Kanutski gave an overview of what the PIC meetings entail. She is willing to be the alternate member and we will ask Serena at the September meeting if she wants to be the member for the 2019 – 2020 school year. All members were asked to consider this opportunity.</p>	
	6.2 First Nation Trustee Update	<p>First Nation Trustee</p> <p>On Thursday, May 23 Gerry Martin and Sherri-Lynne Pharand gave a presentation to Trustees.</p>	Trustee Sitch

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		<p>Trustee Sitch informed the committee that the motion was passed at Standing Committee meeting and it will be discussed and voted on at the June 25<sup>th</sup> Regular Board Meeting.</p> <p>It was suggested that a letter be written to the Board and then ultimately to the Minister of Education regarding changing the Policy concerning Indigenous Trustees. In preparation to writing the letter, Sherri-Lynne Pharand will do some research and report back to the committee in September.</p> <p>Gerry Martin thanked Ryan, Ellen and Sherri-Lynne for moving this along.</p>	
	6.3 Pow Wow Follow-up	<p>A Pow Wow was held on June 13<sup>th</sup> on the Board Office grounds and was well attended by the public. This Pow Wow was funded by a donation from the Parent Involvement Committee.</p> <p>The Graduation Coaches expressed interest in hosting another Pow Wow next year and Jo Jo Guillet will help direct them to funding sources.</p> <p>Sherri-Lynne Pharand expressed thanks to all who helped organize the pow wow.</p>	Ashley Nurmela
	6.4 Indigenous Student Trustee – follow-up	<p>All trustees received a copy of the letter submitted by AEAC requesting their support for an Indigenous Student Trustee. The letter will go before the Board at the June 25<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.</p> <p>Hopefully this will prompt a Policy update in the fall, at which time AEAC members will have an opportunity to make suggestions.</p>	Sherri-Lynne Pharand
	6.5 Flag Follow-up	<p>The second flag pole is being installed over the summer.</p> <p>The Coordinating Committee received a copy of the letter submitted by AEAC requesting their support to have flags of our Territorial Student Program communities flown when the flag pole is not in use for another purpose. The letter will now go to all trustees and then to the Board at a future meeting.</p>	Sherri-Lynne Pharand



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10.	Information and Inquiries	<p>10.1 AEAC Pictures for Website</p> <p>Heather Houston took a photo of the committee which will be posted on the website.</p>	Sherri-Lynne Pharand
		<p>10.2 Coming Together to Talk</p> <p>Ardelle Sagutcheway shared some follow up information on the Coming Together to Talk session including comments and messages from the attendees. The students who attended are working on a report that will be completed in the fall. They are now planning a session for adults.</p> <p>The student comments and messages will be shared with Generator for consideration in the Cultural Safety Campaign.</p>	Ardelle Sagutcheway
		<p>10.3 Internal Signage for New School</p> <p>Sherri-Lynne Pharand asked the committee for direction related to signage at the new school. Signage for certain rooms e.g. office, library etc. will be in English, French and Ojibwe. The question for AEAC is: should the Ojibwe be in syllabics or Roman orthography?</p> <p>After discussion, it was agreed that Roman orthography is best. Two names were suggested and they will be contacted for help with the translation. Once we get the translations, we will share it with other schools.</p>	Sherri-Lynne Pharand
		<p>10.4 Blanket Exercise</p> <p>Ellen Chambers said that the Blanket Exercise held at Five Mile School for grade 6, 7, 8 students was a meaningful experience for all. Ashley Nurmela and Anika Guthrie are looking for a date to offer this for LDSB staff.</p>	Ellen Chambers
		<p>10.5 New School</p> <p>Ecole Elsie MacGill Public School is the name that is going forward to Trustees at the Special Board Meeting on June 13th.</p>	Sherri-Lynne Pharand

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11.	Closing	Elder Gerry Martin closed the meeting with a prayer.	
12.	Next Meeting	Thursday, September 19, 2019	
13.	Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.	