



**ABORIGINAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

- DATE:** Thursday, November 4, 2021 – 9:30 am – 12:00pm - Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams
- CO-CHAIRS:** AJ Keene  
Serena Essex
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kathy Beardy, Kristy Boucher, Trustee Ellen Chambers, Pauline Fontaine, Anna Fern Kakegamic, Cheryl King-Zewiec, Jasmine Sgambelluri, Elliott Cromarty, Indigenous Trustee Scottie Wemigwans, Leanna Marshall, Indigenous Student Trustee Jesslynn Friday
- ALTERNATES:** Dinah Jung, Jennifer Chapman
- RESOURCES:** Mahejabeen Ebrahim, Eric Fredrickson, Anika Guthrie, Ashley Nurmela, Fred Van Elburg
- GUESTS:** Patti Pella, Education Officer, Indigenous Education Office, Ministry of Education, Alexa Sagutcheway, Sophie Sutherland, Tim Sinclair, MNO
- ABSENT WITH REGRETS:** Mike Judge, Emma Kaminawash, Leanna Marshall, Trustee Ryan Sitch, Brittany Collins, Elder Gerry Martin, Yolanda Wanakamik, Nick Sacevich, Elder/Knowledge Keeper Renee Tookenay, Sharon Kanutski, Keli Cristofaro, Trustee Marg Arnone, Student Trustee Mehar Mago, Skylene Metatawabin, Donna Flaszka

	<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
1.	Opening Ceremonies	Co-chair Essex called the meeting to order.	Serena Essex
2.	2.1 Land Acknowledgement	Co-chair Essex acknowledged the lands and traditional territory.	Serena Essex
	2.2 Welcome and Introductions	Co-chair Keene welcomed everyone to the meeting and had all members introduce themselves.	AJ Keene

3.	Agenda and Minutes		
	3.1 Approval of Agenda - September 16, 2021	Moved by Cheryl King-Zewiec and seconded by Indigenous Trustee Scottie Wemigwans that the agenda for the November 4, 2021 AEAC Microsoft Teams meeting be approved as written.  <b>Carried</b>	Serena Essex
	3.2 Approval of Minutes – June 10, 2021	Moved by Cheryl King-Zewiec and seconded by Trustee Ellen Chambers that the minutes for the September 16, 2021 AEAC meeting be approved as written.  <b>Carried</b>	Serena Essex
4.	Business Arising from the Minutes	Co-chair Essex advised that an alternate representative for the Parent Involvement Committee is still available. Co-chair Keene introduced the newly elected Indigenous Student Trustee Jesslyn Friday.	Serena Essex
5.	Presentations		
	5.1 Treaty Week and FNMI Resources	Jasmine Sgambelluri, FMNI Resource Teacher, informed the group that a list of resources was compiled by program staff which allowed teachers and staff access to materials to assist in student learning about treaties and their importance.  All members' questions were addressed.	Jasmine Sgambelluri
6.	New Business		
	6.1 AEAC Work Plan	Co-chair Keene introduced the work plan and explained to members that it outlines the work the Board needs to do regarding Indigenous education for students and staff.  Anika Guthrie reviewed the work plan with members.  All members' questions were addressed.  Members were separated into three breakout rooms to discuss the work plan.	AJ Keene Anika Guthrie

7.	Ongoing Business		
	7.1 COVID-19 Update	Co-chair AJ Keene informed the committee that indoor spectator restrictions for school sports are being looked into to match the rest of the community. All members' questions were addressed.	AJ Keene
	7.2 Indigenous Student Trustee Update	There were no updates at this time.	Jesslyn Friday
	7.3 Native Language Supports and Resources	Anika Guthrie informed the committee that the elementary teachers were participating in the NAN language symposium being held at the Victoria Park Training Centre.	Anika Guthrie
	7.4 Updates	There were no updates from Ashley.	Ashley Nurmela
8.	Information and Inquiries	Co-chair Essex requested that the AEAC Work Plan be shared with all members to allow them time to read through it before the next meeting.	
9.	Closing	Co-chair Serena Essex closed the meeting.	
10.	Next Meeting	Thursday, December 9, 2021	
11.	Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.	