



**ABORIGINAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**DATE:** Thursday, September 16, 2021 – 9:30 am – 12:00pm - Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

**CO-CHAIRS:** AJ Keene  
Serena Essex  
Anika Guthrie

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kathy Beardy, Kristy Boucher, Trustee Ellen Chambers, Pauline Fontaine, Anna Fern Kakegamic, Cheryl King-Zewiec, Mindy Maracle, Jasmine Sgambelluri, Elliott Cromarty, Sharon Kanutski, Skylene Metatawabin, Brittany Collins

**ALTERNATES:** Dinah Jung

**RESOURCES:** Mahejabeen Ebrahim, Eric Fredrickson, Donna Flasz, Ashley Nurmela, Nick Sacevich, Fred Van Elburg

**GUESTS:** Patti Pella, Education Officer, Indigenous Education Office, Ministry of Education

**ABSENT WITH REGRETS:** Mike Judge, Emma Kaminawash, Leanna Marshall, Trustee Ryan Sitch, Sophie Sutherland, Elder Gerry Martin, Yolanda Wanakamik, Indigenous Trustee Scottie Wemigwans, Elder/Knowledge Keeper Renee Tookenay, Keli Cristofaro, Trustee Marg Arnone, Cheryl King-Zewiec,

	<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 Guthrie announced that Superintendent AJ Keene will be stepping in as co-chair and that she will resume her role as a resource to the committee. Co-chair Keene welcomed everyone to the meeting and had all members introduce themselves.	Anika Guthrie AJ Keene

3.	Agenda and Minutes		
	3.1 Approval of Agenda - September 16, 2021	<p>Moved by Sharon Kanutski and seconded by Pauline Fontaine that the agenda for the September 16, 2021 AEAC Microsoft Teams meeting be approved with the following changes:</p> <p>Co-chair Serena Essex suggested Superintendent Keene's name be added to the agenda as co-chair.</p> <p>Item 6 Presentations be received before Item 5 New Business.</p> <p>Superintendent Keene explained that the 3040 Transportation Policy is not ready for review at this time. It will be deferred to the December meeting.</p> <p><b>Carried</b></p>	Serena Essex
	3.2 Approval of Minutes – June 10, 2021	<p>Moved by Trustee Ellen Chambers and seconded by Dinah Jung that the minutes for the June 10, 2021 AEAC meeting be approved as written.</p> <p><b>Carried</b></p>	Serena Essex
4.	Business Arising from the Minutes		
	4.1 Parent Involvement Committee Representative	<p>Co-chair Essex advised that an AEAC representative and alternate representative are needed for the PIC.</p> <p>Kristy Boucher expressed her interest in becoming the AEAC representative on the PIC.</p>	Serena Essex
5.	Presentations		
	5.1 Summer Learning Programs	<p>Nick Sacevich, Student Success Lead and Eric Fredrickson, Principal of Program and Early Years shared information on the summer learning programs offered by Lakehead Public Schools (LPS)</p> <p>Nick spoke about the FMNI Grade 8 Reach Ahead Credit that was offered to all FMNI Grade 8 students. The Grade 9 Exploring Family Studies course was offered, and 46 students successfully earned the high school credit. FMNI students were also offered the opportunity to earn a Grade 10 Careers and Civics credit. Sixteen students successfully earned the credit which included six Grade 9 students, nine Grade 10 students, and one senior student.</p> <p>In partnership with Lakehead Adult Education Centre, Whitesand First Nation secondary students were offered a program to allow them the opportunity to earn co-op credits working with an in-community partner. Fifteen students participated and 30 credits were granted.</p>	Nick Sacevich Eric Fredrickson

		Eric spoke about the elementary Summer Learning Programs and how they were offered virtually. One hundred and seventy elementary students participated supported by 20 LPS teachers as well as Student Support Professionals.	
	5.2 Aboriginal Education Board Report	Anika Guthrie, FMNI Education Coordinator, presented the PowerPoint slide show that was presented at the May 25, 2021 Board Meeting. There were no questions from the committee.	Anika Guthrie
6.	New Business		
	6.1 September 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	Co-chair AJ Keene shared that the FNMI team have been preparing resources for schools from both an educational perspective as well as a recognition perspective. Co-chair Keene asked Jasmine Sgambelluri, FMNI Resource Teacher to give an overview of what is available to schools for September 30, 2021. Jasmine Sgambelluri spoke about the extensive resource list that was created allowing teachers the opportunity to integrate them into their classrooms. The National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation have a full week of programming available for students in Grades 5 to 12. There are also professional development opportunities available for teachers to participate in. Co-chair Keene shared that the resources will be held in an FNMI folder, in a shared drive, available to teachers throughout the school year.	AJ Keene
	6.2 Student Census	Mahejabeen Ebrahim, Human Rights and Equity Advisor, presented the Student Census 2021, Voluntary Student Identity Survey presentation. There were no questions from members.	Mahejabeen Ebrahim Ashley Nurmela
	6.3 Equity Plan Feedback	Mahejabeen Ebrahim, Human Rights and Equity Advisor, presented the Education Equity Plan: Achieving Equity of Access and Equity of Outcomes presentation. All members' comments and questions were addressed.	Mahejabeen Ebrahim

7.	Ongoing Business		
	7.1 COVID-19 Update	Co-chair AJ Keene updated the committee that COVID-19 restrictions on schools have been loosened which includes field trips and extracurricular activities being reimplemented. Changes to contact tracing and management were addressed. It was shared that two satellite classrooms are opening in Gull Bay for in-person learning. All members' questions were addressed.	AJ Keene
	7.2 Indigenous Student Trustee Update	Indigenous Student Trustee Annika Finlayson is no longer available to fill the position. Schools have until October 1, 2021 to submit their nominations for a new representative.	AJ Keene
	7.3 Native Language Supports and Resources	Co-chair Guthrie informed the committee that a new elementary NLS teacher was hired to work full-time between Sherbrooke Public School and McKellar Park Central Public School. The addition has allowed the program to be expanded to Grades 7 and 8 students at St. James Public School.	Anika Guthrie
	7.4 Updates	There were no updates from Ashley.	Ashley Nurmela
8.	Information and Inquiries	Co-chair Essex shared that PIC will be covering the overage incurred from the Story Time with Mr. Bouchard from last spring.	
9.	Closing	Co-chair Serena Essex closed the meeting.	
10.	Next Meeting	Thursday, November 4, 2021	
11.	Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.	