



ABORIGINAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, March 24, 2022 – 9:30 am – 12:00pm - Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

CO-CHAIR: AJ Keene

MEMBERS PRESENT: Shelby Ch'ng, Keli Cristofaro, Elliott Cromarty, Pauline Fontaine, Indigenous Student Trustee Jesslynn Friday, Pauline Fontaine, Anna Fern Kakegamic, Cheryl King-Zewiec, Leanna Marshall, Elder Gerry Martin, Trustee George Saarinen, Indigenous Trustee Scottie Wemigwans

ALTERNATES: Trustee Ellen Chambers, Trustee Susan Doughty-Smith, Dinah Jung

RESOURCES: Maureen Abbott, Mahejabeen Ebrahim, Anika Guthrie, Ashley Nurmela, Nick Sacevich, Jasmine Sgambelluri, Fred Van Elburg

GUESTS: Patti Pella, Education Officer, Indigenous Education Office, Ministry of Education, Alexa Sagutcheway, Student Representative, Erin Aylward, Lisa McLeod, Stephanie Ryyanen

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Kathy Beardy, Kristy Boucher, Jennifer Chapman, Brittany Collins, Serena Essex, Donna Flasz, Mike Judge, Sharon Kanutski, Mehar Mago, Student Trustee, Sophie Sutherland, Student Representative, Elder/Knowledge Keeper Renee Tookenay, Yolanda Wanakamik

| | AGENDA ITEM | DISCUSSION | ACTION |
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| 1. | Opening Ceremonies | Elder Gerry Martin called the meeting to order. | Elder Gerry Martin |
| 2. | 2.1 Land Acknowledgement | Co-chair Keene acknowledged the lands and traditional territory. | AJ Keene |
| | 2.2 Welcome and Introductions | Co-chair Keene welcomed everyone to the meeting and had all members introduce themselves. | AJ Keene |

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| 3. | Agenda and Minutes | | |
| | 3.1 Approval of Agenda - March 24, 2022 | <p>Moved by Trustee George Saarinen and seconded by Pauline Fontaine that the agenda for the March 24, 2022, AEAC Microsoft Teams meeting be approved with the following change:</p> <p>Co-chair Keene requested item 7.4 Community Updates be added to the agenda.</p> <p>Carried</p> | AJ Keene |
| | 3.2 Approval of Minutes – February 10, 2022 | <p>Moved by Pauline Fontaine and seconded by Indigenous Trustee Wemigwans that the minutes for the February 10, 2022, AEAC meeting be approved with the following correction:</p> <p>That 7.4 Community Relations Updates be added.</p> <p>Carried</p> | AJ Keene |
| 4. | Business Arising from the Minutes | None | |
| 5. | Presentations | | |
| | 5.1 Budget Presentation | <p>Stephanie Ryyanen, Supervisor of Financial Services, provided the committee with an overview of the budget process.</p> <p>There were no questions from the committee.</p> | Stephanie Ryyanen |
| | 5.2 KZ Lodge Partnerships | <p>École Gron Morgan Public School Principal, Erin Aylward, and KZ Lodge Program Teacher, Lisa McLeod, shared a PowerPoint presentation to the committee focusing on how improving Indigenous student transitions between elementary and high school has been a priority this school year and showing the many activities the students have been able to experience this year.</p> <p>All members' questions were addressed.</p> | Erin Aylward Lisa MacLeod |
| 6. | New Business | | |
| | 6.1 2022-2023 Indigenous Student Trustee | Co-chair Keene introduced the 2022-2023 Indigenous Student Trustee, Alexis Sagutcheway to the committee. | AJ Keene |
| | 6.2 Budget Discussion | <p>Anika Guthrie shared with the committee information regarding the 2022-2023 budget regarding Indigenous education expenses.</p> <p>All members' questions were addressed.</p> | Anika Guthrie |

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| 7. | Ongoing Business | | |
| | 7.1 COVID-19 Update | Co-chair AJ Keene shared with the committee that all COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted in schools which include masking, cohorts, and physical distancing. Enhanced cleaning measures are still in place and daily screening is recommended. All members' questions were addressed. | AJ Keene |
| | 7.2 Indigenous Student Trustee Update | Indigenous Student Trustee, Jesslynn Friday, shared with the group that she has received a few responses to the Indigenous student survey that was distributed. More responses are expected to be received. | Jesslynn Friday |
| | 7.3 Native Language Supports and Resources | Anika Guthrie, FNMI Education Coordinator, shared with the group information about the professional development sessions the Native Language teachers attended on March 4, 2022. Native Language teachers will be participating in a virtual language conference on March 31, 2022. | Anika Guthrie |
| | 7.4 Community Relations Update | Ashley Nurmela, Aboriginal Liaison Officer, provided an update to committee members which included the National Indigenous Peoples Day pow wow being held on June 21, 2022. | Ashely Nurmela |
| 8. | Information and Inquiries | | |
| 9. | Closing | Co-chair AJ Keene closed the meeting. | |
| 10. | Next Meeting | Thursday, May 19, 2022 | |
| 11. | Adjournment | The meeting was adjourned at 11:48 a.m. | |