



**ABORIGINAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**



**DATE:** Thursday, May 19, 2022 – 9:30 am – 12:00pm – Boardroom/Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

**CO-CHAIR:** AJ Keene  
Serena Essex

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Elliott Cromarty, Sharon Kanutski, Leanna Marshall, Elder Gerry Martin, Trustee George Saarinen

**ALTERNATES:** Trustee Ellen Chambers, Crystal Donohue, 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

**ABSENT WITH REGRETS:** Kathy Beardy, Kristy Boucher, Jennifer Chapman, Shelby Ch'ng, Keli Cristofaro, Trustee Susan Doughty-Smith, Donna Flaszka, Pauline Fontaine, Indigenous Student Trustee Jesslynn Friday, Mike Judge, Anna Fern Kakegamic, Cheryl King-Zewiec, Mehar Mago, Student Trustee, Alexa Sagutcheway, Student Representative, Sophie Sutherland, Student Representative, Elder/Knowledge Keeper Renee Tookenay, Yolanda Wanakamik, Indigenous Trustee Scottie Wemigwans

	<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
1.	Opening Ceremonies	Elder Gerry Martin called the meeting to order.	Elder Gerry Martin
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 - May 19, 2022	Moved by Trustee George Saarinen and seconded by Elder Gerry Martin that the agenda for the May 19, 2022, AEAC Microsoft Teams meeting be approved as written.  <b>Carried</b>	AJ Keene
	3.2 Approval of Minutes – March 24, 2022	Moved by Trustee Ellen Chambers and seconded by Elliot Cromarty that the minutes for the March 24, 2022, AEAC meeting be approved as written.  <b>Carried</b>	AJ Keene
4.	Business Arising from the Minutes		
	4.1 Family Anishinaabemowin Nights	Anika Guthrie, FNMI Education Coordinator, updated the committee on the virtual Anishinaabemowin language nights that occurred in April.  All members' questions were addressed	Anika Guthrie
5.	Presentations		
	5.1 Summer Programs	Nick Sacevich, Student Success Lead, updated the members about elementary and secondary school summer learning camps that will occur in-person. All members' questions were addressed	Nick Sacevich Maureen Abbott
	5.2 Barren Ground Book Club	Anika Guthrie, FNMI Education Coordinator, shared a presentation with the group about the Grade 6 system book club. The book club included 16 Grade 6 classes and ran for six weeks.  All members' questions were addressed.	Anika Guthrie
6.	New Business		
	6.1 Ojibway Revitalization Project	Co-chair Keene and Anika Guthrie, FNMI Education Coordinator, shared with the group information regarding plans for an Ojibway language revitalization project.  All members' questions were addressed.	AJ Keene Anika Guthrie
	6.2 National Indigenous History Month	Jasmine Sgambelluri, FNMI Resource Teacher, shared a presentation with the group outlining ideas, plans, and resources that will be shared with classes in June for National Indigenous History Month.  All members' questions were addressed.	Jasmine Sgambelluri

7.	Ongoing Business		
	7.1 COVID-19 Update	Co-chair Keene shared with the committee a COVID-19 update.	AJ Keene
	7.2 Indigenous Student Trustee Update	Co-chair Keene shared an update with the members on behalf of Indigenous Student Trustee, Jesslynn Friday that the Indigenous Student Circle is set for three meetings on May 25, June 1, and June 8, 2022.	AJ Keene
	7.3 Community Relations Update	Ashley Nurmela, Aboriginal Liaison Officer, provided an update to committee members which included the National Indigenous Peoples Day pow wow and Education Day.	Ashely Nurmela
8.	Information and Inquiries	Co-chair Keene shared correspondence with the group about PIC nominations for the 2022-2023 school year.	
9.	Closing	Elder Gerry closed the meeting.	
10.	Next Meeting	Thursday, June 9, 2022	
11.	Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.	