



**ABORIGINAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**



**DATE:** Thursday, June 9, 2022 – 10:00 am – 12:00pm – Thunder Bay Art Gallery/Boardroom/Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Shelby Ch'ng, Elliot Cromarty, Pauline Fontaine, Anna Fern Kakegamic, Cheryl King-Zewiec, Elder Gerry Martin, Trustee George Saarinen

**ALTERNATES:** Dinah Jung

**RESOURCES:** Mahejabeen Ebrahim, Donna Flasz, Anika Guthrie, Ashley Nurmela, Fred Van Elburg

**GUESTS:** Anne Marie McMahon-Dupuis

**ABSENT WITH REGRETS:** Trustee Marg Arnone, Kathy Beardy, Kristy Boucher, Trustee Ellen Chambers, Jennifer Chapman, Keli Cristofaro, Crystal Donohue, Trustee Susan Doughty-Smith, Pauline Fontaine, Indigenous Student Trustee Jesslynn Friday, Mike Judge, Sharon Kanutski, Student Trustee Mehar Mago, Leanna Marshall, Patti Pella, Education Officer, Indigenous Education Office, Ministry of Education, Nick Sacevich, Alexa Sagutcheway, Student Representative, Jasmine Sgambelluri, 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

3.	Agenda and Minutes	Prior to the start of the meeting, the committee met at the Thunder Bay Art Gallery to attend the KZ Lodge's display of the "Her Story" project.	
	3.1 Approval of Agenda - June 9, 2022	Moved by Dinah Jung and seconded by Pauline Fontaine that the agenda for the June 9, 2022, AEAC Microsoft Teams meeting be approved as written  <b>Carried</b>	Serena Essex
	3.2 Approval of Minutes – May 19, 2022	Moved by Trustee George Saarinen and seconded by Dinah Jung that the minutes for the May 19, 2022, AEAC meeting be approved with the next meeting edited to read June 9, 2022.  <b>Carried</b>	Serena Essex
4.	Business Arising from the Minutes		
	4.1 PIC Rep	This item was deferred to the next meeting.	
5.	Presentations		
	5.1 Anti-Sex Trafficking Protocol	Mahejabeen Ebrahim, Human Rights & Equity Advisor, shared a presentation outlining the Lakehead District School Board's Anti-Sex Trafficking Protocol.  All members' questions were addressed	Mahejabeen Ebrahim Anne Marie McMahon-Dupuis
6.	New Business		
	6.1 Anishnaabemowin Advisory Committee	Co-chair Keene gave the group a brief update about plans to establish an Anishnaabemowin Advisory Committee and advised that any committee members who are interested in being involved should contact Anika Guthrie, FNMI Education Coordinator.	AJ Keene
	6.2 Priorities & Planning for 2022/2023	This item was deferred to the next meeting.	AJ Keene
	6.3 Representation on AEAC/Elder Recruitment	Members discussed looking for elder representation for the committee.	All
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 she created an infographic poster for social media to show the results of the Indigenous Student Survey.	AJ Keene

	7.3 Community Relations Update	Ashley Nurmela, Aboriginal Liaison Officer, provided an update to committee members with details about the National Indigenous Peoples Day pow wow.	Ashely Nurmela
8.	Information and Inquiries	The committee congratulated Donna Flaszka on her upcoming retirement and sent get well wishes to committee member Yolanda Wanakamik.	AJ Keene
9.	Closing	Elder Gerry closed the meeting.	
10.	Next Meeting	Thursday, September 15, 2022.	
11.	Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.	