



ABORIGINAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, September 15, 2022 – 9:30 am – 12:00pm – Boardroom/Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

CO-CHAIR: AJ Keene
Serena Essex

MEMBERS PRESENT: Shelby Ch'ng, Elliot Cromarty, Pauline Fontaine, Anna Fern Kakegamic, Sharon Kanutski, Cheryl King-Zewiec, Elder Gerry Martin, Trustee George Saarinen, Indigenous Student Trustee Alexa Sagutcheway, Yolanda Wanakamik, Indigenous Trustee Scottie Wemigwans

ALTERNATES: Trustee Ellen Chambers

RESOURCES: Maureen Abbott, Linda Grassia, Anika Guthrie, Ashley Nurmela, Jasmine Sgambelluri, Fred Van Elburg

GUESTS: Jenn L. Johnson, Anne Marie McMahon-Dupuis, Sherri-Lynne Pharand, Director of Education

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Kathy Beardy, Kristy Boucher, Brittany Collins, Keli Cristofaro, Crystal Donohue, Trustee Susan Doughty-Smith, Dinah Jung, Leanna Marshall, Dave Paddington, Patti Pella, Education Officer, Indigenous Education Office, Ministry of Education, Elder/Knowledge Keeper Renee Takenay

	AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
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 Essex welcomed everyone to the meeting and had all members introduce themselves.	Serena Essex

3.	Agenda and Minutes	.	
	3.1 Approval of Agenda - September 15, 2022	Moved by Trustee Saarinen and seconded by Indigenous Trustee Wemigwans that the agenda for the September 15, 2022, AEAC meeting be approved as written. Carried	AJ Keene
	3.2 Approval of Minutes – June 9, 2022	Moved by Pauline Fontaine and seconded by Shelby Ch'ng that the minutes for the June 9, 2022 AEAC meeting be approved as written. Carried	AJ Keene
4.	Business Arising from the Minutes	There was no business arising from the minutes.	
5.	New Business		
	5.1 Committee Membership/ Meeting Schedule	Co-chair Keene discussed the committee's membership requirements to be compliant to AEAC's procedures. The committee discussed the changes in membership makeup that will take place at the new term in November. Discussion will continue at the next meeting. The committee discussed the possibility of changing the meeting time. All members' questions were addressed.	AJ Keene
	5.2 Committee Name	Co-chair Essex started a discussion about the possibility of changing the committee's name to Indigenous Education Advisory Committee (IEAC). All members' questions were addressed.	Serena Essex
	5.3 PIC Representative	Co-chair Essex asked for a volunteer from the committee to be PIC representative. Co-chair Essex volunteered to be the interim representative until another volunteer is found. All members' questions were addressed.	Serena Essex
	5.4 Self-ID Numbers	Anika Guthrie discussed the discrepancies between the number of self-identified First Nation, Metis, and Inuit (FNMI) students and the actual number of FNMI students attending our schools. Anika shared how accurate numbers help focus our work and provide proper supports in schools. Anika shared an old Voluntary Aboriginal Student Self Identification document and asked for feedback from the committee to update it. All members' questions were addressed.	Anika Guthrie

6.	Presentations		
	6.1 Summer Programming Presentations	<p>Maureen Abbott shared a presentation with the committee outlining the elementary summer learning programs that took place in 2022. All members' questions were addressed.</p> <p>Anika Guthrie shared a presentation with the committee outlining the Mino Bimaadiziwin Indigenous Youth Leadership Program that took place August 21-26, 2022. All members' questions were addressed.</p> <p>Anne Marie McMahon-Dupuis and Jenn Johnson shared a presentation with the committee outlining the Summer Learning Credit Program that took place in 2022. All members' questions were addressed.</p>	<p>Maureen Abbott</p> <p>Anika Guthrie</p> <p>Anne Marie McMahon-Dupuis Jenn L. Johnson</p>
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	Indigenous Student Trustee, Alexa Sagutcheway, gave a brief introduction to the committee.	Alexa Sagutcheway
	7.3 Community Relations Update	Ashley Nurmela, Aboriginal Liaison Officer, provided an update to committee members	Ashely Nurmela
8.	Information and Inquiries	<p>Co-chair Keene discussed the Ministry of Education's directions for all school boards to take a moment of silence to commemorate the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. Direction will be provided to the schools to help with questions that students might have.</p> <p>Anika Guthrie shared with the committee the activities planned for Truth and Reconciliation Day.</p>	
9.	Closing	Elder Gerry closed the meeting.	
10.	Next Meeting	Thursday, November 3, 2022.	
11.	Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 12:08 p.m.	