



ABORIGINAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES



DATE: Thursday, November 3, 2022 – 9:30 am – 12:00pm – Boardroom/Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

CO-CHAIR: AJ Keene
Serena Essex

MEMBERS PRESENT: Shelby Ch'ng, Trustee Ellen Chambers, Elliot Cromarty, Tisha Duncan, Student Representative, Pauline Fontaine, Sharon Kanutski, Leanna Marshall, Elder Gerry Martin, Brent Parres, Indigenous Student Trustee Alexa Sagutcheway, Yolanda Wanakamik,

ALTERNATES: Dinah Jung, James Rimkus, Leland Waboose, Student Representative

RESOURCES: Anika Guthrie, Ashley Nurmela, Jasmine Sgambelluri, Fred Van Elburg

GUESTS: Morning Star Tom, Sherri-Lynne Pharand, Director of Education, Neil Workman

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Kathy Beardy, Kristy Boucher, Trustee Susan Doughty-Smith, Linda Grassia, Cheryl King-Zewiec, Dave Paddington, Patti Pella, Education Officer, Indigenous Education Office, Ministry of Education, Trustee George Saarinen, Elder/Knowledge Keeper Renee Tookenay, Indigenous Trustee Scottie Wemigwans

	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 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 - November 3, 2022	<p>Moved by Pauline Fontaine and seconded by Sharon Kanutski that the agenda for the November 3, 2022, AEAC meeting be approved with the following amendments:</p> <p>That item 5.1 may need to be removed if Director Pharand is unable to join us to make the announcement; and</p> <p>Co-chair Keene will be leading the discussion of item 5.2.</p> <p>Carried</p>	Serena Essex
	3.2 Approval of Minutes – September 15, 2022	<p>Moved by Sharon Kanutski and seconded by Elliott Cromarty that the minutes for the September 15, 2022 AEAC meeting be approved as written.</p> <p>Carried</p>	AJ Keene
4.	Business Arising from the Minutes		
	4.1 September 30 th PA Day	<p>Anika Guthrie, FNMI Education Coordinator, shared details and feedback about the activities that took place on the September 30th PA Day.</p> <p>All members' questions were addressed.</p>	Anika Guthrie
	4.2 Naming of Committee	<p>The committee discussed the process, next steps, and options regarding the possibility of changing the name of the committee.</p> <p>All members' questions were addressed.</p>	Serena Essex
	4.3 Membership	<p>Anika Guthrie, FNMI Education Coordinator shared that with the committee's new student representatives and parent representatives, the membership is now compliant with its committee policy.</p>	Anika Guthrie
5.	New Business		
	5.1 New Indigenous Education and Reconciliation Advisor	<p>Director of Education, Sherri-Lynne Pharand, announced that the new Indigenous Education and Reconciliation Advisor position was awarded to Anika Guthrie. Director Pharand explained that in consultation with Anika, the job title will possibly change.</p>	Sherri-Lynne Pharand
	5.2 AEAC Event Conversation	<p>Co-chair Keene invited Sharon Kanutski to lead a discussion about a possible AEAC event occurring in the spring.</p> <p>All members' questions were addressed.</p>	AJ Keene Sharon Kanutski

	5.3 Board Membership	Co-chair Keene shared information with the committee about the changes made to the Board membership following the recent election. All members' questions were addressed.	AJ Keene
6.	Presentations		
	6.1 Treaties Recognition Week	Jasmine Sgambelluri, FNMI Education Resource Teacher, shared a presentation with the committee about Treaties Recognition week and the resources that were provided to elementary and secondary teachers. All members' questions were addressed.	Jasmine Sgambelluri
	6.2 EQAO	Co-chair Keene shared information with the committee about EQAO and what the upcoming results from the most recent testing will show and what the data means. All members' questions were addressed.	AJ Keene
7.	Ongoing Business		
	Indigenous Student Trustee Update	Indigenous Student Trustee, Alexa Sagutcheway, gave a brief update to the committee.	Alexa Sagutcheway
8.	Information and Inquiries	Brent Parres asked the committee for feedback on whether members would be comfortable if there were times when he had to attend the meetings in his police uniform. Ashley Nurmela shared that IYARA will be hosting its last in-person event this year. It will then be turned into a scholarship and bursary program supporting education. All members' questions were addressed.	
9.	Closing	Serena Essex closed the meeting.	
10.	Next Meeting	Thursday, December 8, 2022.	
11.	Adjournment	Moved by Pauline Fontaine and seconded by Trustee Chambers, the meeting was adjourned at 12:08p.m.	