



**ABORIGINAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**



**DATE:** Thursday, December 8, 2022 – 9:30 am – 12:00pm – Boardroom/Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

**CHAIR:** Serena Essex

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Shelby Ch'ng, Elliott Cromarty, Tisha Duncan, Student Representative, Pauline Fontaine, Trustee Pat Johansen, Cheryl King-Zewiec, Ashley Nurmela, Brent Parres, Indigenous Student Trustee Alexa Sagutcheway, Yolanda Wanakamik, Indigenous Trustee Scottie Wemigwans

**ALTERNATES:** Trustee Ellen Chambers, Dinah Jung, Leland Waboose, Student Representative

**RESOURCES:** Anika Guthrie, Jasmine Sgambelluri, Fred Van Elburg, Neil Workman

**GUESTS:** Pattie Pella, Education Officer, Indigenous Education Office, Ministry of Education, Sherri-Lynne Pharand, Director of Education, Morning Star Tom

**ABSENT WITH REGRETS:** Kathy Beardy, Kristy Boucher, Linda Grassia, Anna Fern Kakegamic, Sharon Kanutski, AJ Keene, Leanna Marshall, Elder Gerry Martin, Dave Paddington, James Rimkus, Trustee Ryan Sitch, Elder/Knowledge Keeper Renee Takenay

	<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
1.	Opening Ceremonies	Chair Essex called the meeting to order. Anika Guthrie, Principal of Indigenous Education opened the meeting with a tobacco ceremony.	Serena Essex Anika Guthrie
2.	2.1 Land Acknowledgement	Chair Essex acknowledged the lands and traditional territory.	Serena Essex
	2.2 Welcome and Introductions	Chair Essex welcomed everyone to the meeting and had all members introduce themselves.	Serena Essex

3.	Agenda and Minutes		
	3.1 Approval of Agenda - December 8, 2022	Moved by Trustee Pat Johansen and seconded by Pauline Fontaine that the agenda for the December 8, 2022, AEAC meeting be approved.  <b>Carried</b>	Serena Essex
	3.2 Approval of Minutes – November 3, 2022	Moved by Indigenous Student Trustee, Alexa Sagutcheway and seconded by Pauline Fontaine that the minutes for the November 3, 2022 AEAC meeting be approved as written.  <b>Carried</b>	Serena Essex
4.	Business Arising from the Minutes		
	4.1 Naming of Committee	Anika Guthrie, Principal of Indigenous Education, updated the committee about the process, and next steps regarding the re-naming of the committee. Anika asked for input from the committee to be brought forward at an upcoming meeting with Language Speakers.  All members' questions were addressed.	Anika Guthrie
	4.2 Indigenous Evening Event	Anika Guthrie updated the committee about next steps for the planning of the Indigenous Evening Event.  All members' questions were addressed.	Anika Guthrie
	4.3 Treaties Week Activities	Jasmine Sgambelluri, FNMI Education Resource Teacher, shared a presentation with the committee about treaties week activities that took place in Lakehead Public Schools and feedback received from educators and students.  All members' questions were addressed.	Jasmine Sgambelluri
5.	New Business		
	5.1 LPS FNMI Team	Anika Guthrie shared with the committee the upcoming job postings for a Secondary FNMI Student Success Resource Teacher and FNMI Partnerships Coordinator.	Anika Guthrie
	5.2 FNMI Partnerships Coordinator	Anika Guthrie shared with the committee the role of the FNMI Partnerships Coordinator and asked for input before the job is posted.  All members' questions were addressed.	Anika Guthrie

	5.3 Alternate for PIC	Chair Essex shared with the committee the role of the Parent Involvement Committee Alternate and asked if there were any members interested in the position.  All members' questions were addressed.	Serena Essex
6.	Presentations  Embedding Indigenous Perspectives	Anika Guthrie and Jasmine Sgambelluri shared a presentation about the professional learning that is happening with teachers focused on embedding about Indigenous perspectives in the classroom.  All members' questions were addressed.	Anika Guthrie Jasmine Sgambelluri
7.	Ongoing Business		
	Indigenous Student Trustee Update	Indigenous Student Trustee, Alexa Sagutcheway, gave a brief update to the committee.  All members' questions were addressed.	Alexa Sagutcheway
8.	Information and Inquiries	Student Representative, Tisha Duncan, shared a concern with the committee regarding an experience with the Four Directions program.  All members' questions were addressed.	
9.	Closing	Serena Essex closed the meeting.	
10.	Next Meeting	Thursday, February 9, 2022.	
11.	Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.	