



### ABORIGINAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

**DATE:** Thursday, March 23, 2023 – 9:30 am – 12:00pm – Boardroom/Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

**CHAIR:** AJ Keene

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Shelby Ch'ng, Elliott Cromarty, Trustee Pat Johansen, Sharon Kanutski, Elder Gerry Martin, Indigenous Student Trustee Alexa Sagutcheway, Morning Star Tom, Leland Waboose, Student Representative, Indigenous Trustee Scottie Wemigwans

**ALTERNATES:** Myra Bannon, Trustee Ellen Chambers, Dinah Jung

**RESOURCES:** Jackie Corbett, Anthony Jeethan, Tanya Moses, Jasmine Sgambelluri, Fred Van Elburg, Neil Workman

**GUESTS:** Leslie Hynnes, Toni-Lynn Palmer-Thompson

**ABSENT WITH REGRETS:** Tisha Duncan, Student Representative, Serena Essex, Anika Guthrie, Anna Fern Kakegamic, Cheryl King-Zewiec, Leanna Marshall, Ashley Nurmela, Dave Paddington, Brent Parres, Patti Pella, Education Officer, Indigenous Education Office, Ministry of Education, Ryan Sitch, Yolanda Wanakamik,

	<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
1.	Opening	Elder Gerry called the meeting to order	Elder Gerry
2.	2.1 Land Acknowledgement	Co-chair Keene acknowledged the lands and traditional territory.	AJ Keene
	2.2 Welcome and Introductions	Chair Keene welcomed everyone to the meeting and had all members introduce themselves.	AJ Keene

3.	Agenda and Minutes		
	3.1 Approval of Agenda - March 23, 2023	Moved by Trustee Pat Johansen and seconded by Indigenous Trustee Scottie Wemigwans that the agenda for the March 23, 2023 AEAC meeting be approved.  <b>Carried</b>	AJ Keene
	3.2 Approval of Minutes – February 9, 2023	Moved by Trustee Pat Johansen and seconded by Elliot Cromarty that the minutes for the February 9, 2023 AEAC meeting be approved as written.  <b>Carried</b>	AJ Keene
4.	Business Arising from the Minutes		
	4.1 AEAC Event	Jasmine Sgambelluri, FNMI Education Resource Teacher, shared a planning update with the committee regarding the upcoming AEAC event. All members' questions were addressed.	Jasmine Sgambelluri
	4.2 FNMI Team Updates	Co-chair AJ Keene updated the committee about the new members on the FNMI Team and that all positions have now been successfully filled.	AJ Keene
5.	New Business		
	5.1 Budget Deputation and Presentation	Co-chair AJ Keene presented a summary of the budget deputation process with the committee. All members' questions were addressed.	AJ Keene
	5.2 OPSBA Nominations	Co-chair AJ Keene shared with the committee that OPSBA nominations are due March 24, 2023 and shared the criteria with the group.	AJ Keene
	5.3 Policy 8062 and Policy 8065 Review	Co-chair AJ Keene gave a brief review of Policy 8062 – Voluntary Aboriginal Student Self Identification and Policy 8065 – Voluntary Aboriginal Staff Self Identification with the committee. Feedback was requested. All members' questions were addressed.	AJ Keene
6.	Presentations		
	6.1 The Role of the FNMI SSW	Leslie Hynnes, Elementary Principal and Toni-Lynn Palmer-Thompson, LPS FNMI SSP, shared a presentation with the committee highlighting the role of FNMI Student Support Workers at Lakehead Public Schools. All members' questions were addressed.	Leslie Hynnes Toni-Lynn Palmer-Thompson
	6.2 Ogden Students at LU Game	Co-chair AJ Keene shared a video of Ogden students singing O Canada in Ojibwe at a Lakehead University basketball game.	AJ Keene

7.	Ongoing Business		
	7.1 Indigenous Student Trustee Update	Indigenous Student Trustee, Alexa Sagutcheway, gave a brief update to the committee about her participation in selecting the next Indigenous Student Trustee.  All members' questions were addressed.	Alexa Sagutcheway
	7.2 Community Update	Tanya Moses, FNMI Partnerships Coordinator, gave the committee an update on her activities within Lakehead Public Schools.	Tanya Moses
8.	Information and Inquiries		
		Co-chair AJ Keene shared information about the PIC Mental Health Symposium being held on Wednesday, April 19, 5:00 pm at Westgate CVI, showcasing community partners who offer mental health and wellness initiatives and support in our city.	
		Co-chair AJ Keene shared information about the Early Development Index assessments happening at Lakehead Public Schools. All members' questions were addressed.	
		Indigenous Trustee, Scottie Wemigwans inquired if an earlier meeting start time is possible to ensure items at the end of the agenda are not rushed and to avoid running overtime.	
9.	Closing	Elder Gerry closed the meeting.	
10.	Next Meeting	Thursday, May 11, 2023	
11.	Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 12:08 p.m.	