



ABORIGINAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, May 11, 2023 – 9:30 am – 12:00pm – Boardroom/Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

CO-CHAIR: Serena Essex
Sherri-Lynne Pharand

MEMBERS PRESENT: Elliott Cromarty, Tisha Duncan, Student Representative, Trustee Pat Johansen, Anna Fern Kakegamic, Elder Gerry Martin, Ashley Nurmela, Indigenous Student Trustee Alexa Sagutcheway, Morning Star Tom, Yolanda Wanakamik, Indigenous Trustee Scottie Wemigwans

ALTERNATES: Myra Bannon, Trustee Ellen Chambers, Dinah Jung, Diane Younger

RESOURCES: Jackie Corbett, Linda Grassia, Anika Guthrie, Tanya Moses, Jasmine Sgambelluri

GUESTS: Emily Drake, Tesa Fiddler, Len Gardner, Natasha Harding, Charlotte Neckoway, Patti Pella, Education Officer, Indigenous Education Office, Ministry of Education, Shelly Tom, Michelle Tymkin,

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Kathy Beardy, Shelby Ch'ng, Sharon Kanutski, AJ Keene, Cheryl King-Zewiec, Leanna Marshall, Brett Parres, Fred Van Elburg, Leland Waboose, Neil Workman

| | AGENDA ITEM | DISCUSSION | ACTION |
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| 1. | Opening | Elder Gerry called the meeting to order. | Elder Gerry |
| 2. | 2.1 Land Acknowledgement | Co-chair Pharand acknowledged the lands and traditional territory. | Sherri-Lynne Pharand |
| | 2.2 Welcome and Introductions | Co-Chair Essex welcomed everyone to the meeting and had all members introduce themselves. | Serena Essex |

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| 3. | Agenda and Minutes | | |
| | 3.1 Approval of Agenda - May 11, 2023 | <p>Moved by Indigenous Trustee Scottie Wemigwans and seconded by Yolanda Wanakamik that the agenda for the May 11, 2023 AEAC meeting be approved with the following changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5.1 Policy Review be moved from New Business to Business Arising from the Minutes; • 4.1 Name of Committee be moved to a timed item at 10:45 a.m.; • Add 4.3 Meeting Times; • Add 5.3 Staff Census; and • Add 6.3 Bear Witness Day. <p>Carried</p> | Sherri-Lynne Pharand |
| | 3.2 Approval of Minutes – March 23, 2023 | <p>Moved by Ashley Nurmela and seconded by Indigenous Trustee Scottie Wemigwans that the minutes for the March 23, 2023 AEAC meeting be approved as written.</p> <p>Carried</p> | Sherri-Lynne Pharand |
| 4. | Business Arising from the Minutes | | |
| | 4.1 Name of Committee | <p>Charlotte Neckoway, NSL teacher, shared four options for a new committee name that represent the spirit and intent of the committee. Director of Education, Sherri-Lynne Pharand, asked for a show of hands from the committee which showed a consensus for re-naming the committee Miiniwewinan. The new name will be brought to the Board for approval.</p> <p>Moved by Yolanda Wanakamik and seconded by Trustee Pat Johansen that the new name of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee is Miiniwewinan and will be recommended to the Board for approval.</p> <p>Carried</p> | Anika Guthrie Charlotte Neckoway |
| | 4.2 Celebration Event | <p>Tanya Moses, FNMI Partnership Coordinator, shared an update about the Celebration Event being held on June 6, 2023 at the Davinci Centre. The event poster was shared with the committee and feedback was requested.</p> <p>All members' questions were addressed.</p> | Tanya Moses |
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| | 4.3 Meeting Time | Indigenous Trustee Scottie Wemigwans made a request to change the committee's meeting time to accommodate those presenting items at the end of the agenda. A survey will be sent to committee members for feedback and discussed at the June meeting. | Scottie Wemigwans |
| | 4.4 Policy Review 8062 and 8065 | Anika Guthrie, Principal of Indigenous Education, shared the updated, edited version of 8062 Voluntary Aboriginal Student Self-Identification and asked the committee for feedback. All members' questions were addressed. | Anika Guthrie |
| 5. | New Business | | |
| | 5.1 FNMI Education Section of LPS Website | This item was deferred to the June meeting. | Anika Guthrie |
| | 5.2 Staff Census | Director of Education, Sherri-Lynne Pharand, shared information about the staff census that will be distributed to Lakehead Public Schools' staff, required by the Ministry of Education. Feedback from the committee was requested. All members' questions were addressed. | Sherri-Lynne Pharand |
| 6. | Presentations | | |
| | 6.1 KZ Lodge South | Natasha Harding, teacher at the KZ Lodge South at Westgate Collegiate and Vocational Institute, presented highlights of the KZ Lodge, activities and experiences that happened throughout the year. All members' questions were addressed. | Natasha Harding |
| | 6.2 MMIWG2S Sharing in Schools | This item was deferred to the June meeting. | Jasmine Sgambelluri |
| | 6.3 Bear Witness Day | This item was deferred to the June meeting. | Jasmine Sgambelluri |

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| 7. | Ongoing Business | | |
| | 7.1 Indigenous Student Trustee Update | Indigenous Student Trustee, Alexa Sagutcheway, gave a brief update to the committee and introduced the 2023-2024 Indigenous Student Trustee, Emily Drake. | Alexa Sagutcheway |
| | 7.2 Community Update | Tanya Moses, FNMI Partnerships Coordinator, gave the committee an update about plans for National Indigenous Peoples Day. | Tanya Moses |
| 8. | Information and Inquiries | | |
| | | <p>A request was made to change the date of the next committee meeting as it falls on National Indigenous Peoples Day and many members are unable to attend.</p> <p>Moved by Trustee Pat Johansen and seconded by Tisha Duncan that the June 8, 2023 meeting be changed to June 15, 2023.</p> <p>Carried</p> | |
| 9. | Closing | Serena Essex closed the meeting. | |
| 10. | Next Meeting | Thursday, June 15, 2023 | |
| 11. | Adjournment | The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m. | |