



INDIGENOUS EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

- DATE:** Thursday, June 15, 2023 – 9:30 am – 12:00pm – Boardroom/Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams
- CO-CHAIR:** Serena Essex
AJ Keene
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kathy Beardy, Shelby Ch’ng, Tisha Duncan, Student Representative, Pauline Fontaine, Trustee Pat Johansen, Sharon Kanutski, Leanna Marshall, Elder Gerry Martin, Indigenous Student Trustee Alexa Sagutcheway, Yolanda Wanakamik
- ALTERNATES:** Trustee Ellen Chambers, Dinah Jung
- RESOURCES:** Jackie Corbett, Anika Guthrie, Tanya Moses, Jasmine Sgambelluri, Fred Van Elburg, Neil Workman
- GUESTS:** Emily Drake, Suzanne Gordon, A/Assistant Deputy Minister, Indigenous Education & Well Being Division, Patti Pella, Education Officer, Indigenous Education Office, Ministry of Education, Director of Education, Sherri-Lynne Pharand
- ABSENT WITH REGRETS:** Elliott Cromarty, Linda Grassia, Anna Fern Kakegamic, Cheryl King-Zewiec, Ashley Nurmela, Brett Parres, Trustee Ryan Sitch, Morning Star Tom, Elder/Knowledge Keeper Renee Tookenay, Leland Waboose, Indigenous Trustee Scottie Wemigwans

	AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1.	Opening	Elder Gerry called the meeting to order.	Elder Gerry
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 - June 15, 2023	Moved by Sharon Kanutski and seconded by Pauline Fontaine, that the agenda for the June 15, 2023 Miiniwewinan meeting be approved as written. Carried	Serena Essex
	3.2 Approval of Minutes – May 11, 2023	Moved by Dinah Jung and seconded by Trustee Ellen Chambers that the minutes for the May 11, 2023 Miiniwewinan meeting be approved with the spelling correction of Director Pharand’s name. Carried	Serena Essex
4.	Business Arising from the Minutes		
	4.1 Meeting Times	Co-chair Keene shared the results of the meeting times survey completed by the committee. The results showed that the majority of the committee would like to see future meetings run from 9:00am to 12:00pm.	AJ Keene
	4.2 Debrief Celebration Event	Anika Guthrie, Principal of Indigenous Education shared a video of the celebration event that was held on June 5, 2023. All members’ questions were addressed.	Anika Guthrie
	4.3 Committee Name Update	Anika Guthrie, Principal of Indigenous Education shared that the new name of the committee, Miiniwewinan, has been approved.	Anika Guthrie
5.	New Business		
	5.1 FNMI Education Section of LPS Website	Anika Guthrie, Principal of Indigenous Education, shared the FNMI section of the LPS website and asked the committee for feedback. All members’ questions were addressed.	Anika Guthrie
	5.2 Year at a Glance	Jasmine Sgambelluri, FNMI Resource Teacher, shared a resource highlighting Indigenous Education Celebrations and Commemorations for teachers to use to help plan their school year teachings. All members’ questions were addressed.	Jasmine Sgambelluri
	5.3 Membership	Co-chair Keene and Anika Guthrie, Principal of Indigenous Education shared upcoming membership changes and vacancies that will need to be filled for the 2023-2024 school year. All members’ questions were addressed	AJ Keene Anika Guthrie

6.	Presentations		
	6.1 MMIWG2S Sharing in Schools	A presentation was shared highlighting the MMIWG2S Awareness Sessions that occurred at Lakehead Public Schools. All members' questions were addressed.	Jasmine Sgambelluri Tanya Moses Jackie Corbett
	6.2 Bear Witness Day	This item was removed due to time restraints.	
7.	Ongoing Business		
	7.1 Indigenous Student Trustee Update	Indigenous Student Trustee, Alexa Sagutcheway, gave a brief update to the committee and welcomed the 2023-2024 Indigenous Student Trustee, Emily Drake.	Alexa Sagutcheway
8.	Information and Inquiries		
9.	Closing	Elder Gerry closed the meeting.	
10.	Next Meeting	Thursday, September 14, 2023	
11.	Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 12:33 p.m.	