



**MIINIWEWINAN
INDIGENOUS EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

DATE: Thursday, December 14, 2023 – 9:00 am – 12:00pm – Boardroom/Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

CO-CHAIR: Serena Essex
Heather Harris

MEMBERS PRESENT: Shelby Ch’ng, Elliott Cromarty, Emily Drake, Indigenous Student Trustee, Trustee Pat Johansen, Anna Fern Kakegamic, Angelina Tassone, Morning Star Tom, Indigenous Trustee Scottie Wemigwans, Elder Sheila DeCorte

ALTERNATES: Trustee Ellen Chambers

RESOURCES: Kali Bernst, Anika Guthrie, Anthony Jeethan, Tanya Moses, Sherri-Lynne Pharand, Director of Education, Jasmine Sgambelluri, Meghan Smelow

GUESTS: Corine Bannon

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Myra Bannon, Kathy Beardy, Kristy Boucher, Dinah Jung, Sharon Kanutski, Cheryl King-Zewiec, Jane Lower, Leanna Marshall, Elder Gerry Martin, Dave Paddington, Brett Parres, Meghan Smelow, Elder/Knowledge Keeper Renee Tookenay, Trustee Trudy Tuchenhagen (Alternate), Leland Waboose, Yolanda Wanakamik, Neil Workman

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

3.	Agenda and Minutes		
	3.1 Approval of Agenda - December 14, 2023	Moved by Trustee Pat Johansen and seconded by Neil Workman, that the agenda for the December 14, 2023 Miiniwewinan meeting be approved with the following amendments: 1. Opening and closing remarks will be given by Elder Sheila DeCorte. Carried	Heather Harris
	3.2 Approval of Minutes – November 2, 2023	Moved by Trustee Pat Johansen and seconded by Neil Workman, that the minutes for the November 2, 2023 Miiniwewinan meeting be approved as written. Carried	Heather Harris
4.	Presentations		
	Language Gathering	Corine Bannon, NSL Teacher and Anika Guthrie, Anishnaabemowin Revitalization Coordinator, shared a presentation on a language gathering that occurred November 3, 2023, at Anemki Wajiw-Mount McKay. Algonquin Avenue Public School, McKellar Park Central Public School, Sherbrooke Public School, Ogden Public School, and St. James Public School participated. All members' questions were addressed.	Corine Bannon Anika Guthrie
5.	Business Arising from the Minutes		
	5.1 Year at a Glance	Jasmine Sgambelluri, FNMI Resource Teacher, shared the most recent update of the resource that is being created highlighting Indigenous Education Celebrations and Commemorations for teachers to use when planning their school year teachings. Feedback was requested from the committee. All members' questions were addressed.	Jasmine Sgambelluri
	5.2 Treaties Recognition Week	Jasmine Sgambelluri, FNMI Resource Teacher, shared a presentation about activities that occurred during Treaties Week from November 5 to November 11, 2023. All members' questions were addressed.	Jasmine Sgambelluri

	5.3 Board Action Plan	Anika Guthrie, Anishnaabemowin Revitalization Coordinator, and Co-chair Heather Harris shared a summary of the 2022-2023 Board Action Plan (BAP) and asked the committee for input on what the focus should be for this school year. The members broke out into smaller groups to discuss the 2023-2024 BAP priority areas.	Anika Guthrie Heather Harris
	5.4 Membership	Co-chair Heather Harris updated the committee on the upcoming meeting scheduled with some of our education partners. It was also shared that membership is currently full and that interested agencies will be put on a wait list. All members' questions were addressed.	Heather Harris
	5.5 8061 Policy Opening	Co-chair Heather Harris shared that a request will be made to open Policy 8061 Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee and propose the name of the policy be changed to represent the committee's new name.	Heather Harris
6.	New Business		
	6.1 History of Turtle Island Presentation 6.2 Indigenous Peoples Atlas of Canada	Kali Bernst, Principal of Indigenous Education and Program shared pictures and information about a presentation that took place for students and staff on the history of Turtle Island and the Indigenous Peoples Atlas. All members' questions were addressed	Kali Bernst
	6.3 Lakehead Kickstart	This item was deferred to the next meeting.	Jane Lower
	6.4 Parent Involvement Committee Funding	Co-chair Serena Essex shared that the committee has received funding from Parent Involvement Committee. A request was made for input on spending the funding to be discussed at the next committee meeting.	Serena Essex
	6.5 Annual Board Meeting	Co-chair Heather Harris shared that trustees were assigned to committees at the annual board meeting held on Tuesday, December 5, 2023. The trustees assigned to Miiniwewinan are Trustee Wemigwans, Trustee Pat Johansen as members, and the alternates are Trustee Chambers and Trustee Tuchenhagen.	Heather Harris
7.	Ongoing Business		
	7.1 Indigenous Student Trustee Update	Emily Drake, Indigenous Student Trustee shared initiatives she is currently working on. All members' questions were addressed.	Emily Drake

	7.2 Community Updates	Tanya Moses, FNMI Partnership Coordinator, shared an update on activities she is involved with and initiatives she is working on. All members' questions were addressed.	Tanya Moses
	7.3 Anishnaabemowin Revitalization	Anika Guthrie, Anishnaabemowin Revitalization Coordinator shared an update about events and initiatives connected to the Revitalization Project. All members' questions were addressed.	Anika Guthrie
8.	Information and Inquiries	Co-chair Heather Harris shared that Miiniwewinan has been invited to have a booth at the Kindergarten Information Night on January 15, 2024.	
9.	Closing	Elder Sheila DeCorte closed the meeting.	
10.	Next Meeting	Thursday, February 8, 2024	
11.	Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 12:36 p.m.	