



INDIGENOUS EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES



DATE: Thursday, November 2, 2023 – 9:00 am – 12:00pm – Boardroom/Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

CO-CHAIR: Serena Essex
Heather Harris

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kristy Boucher, Shelby Ch'ng, Elliott Cromarty, Trustee Pat Johansen, Anna Fern Kakegamic, Michelle Kakegamic, Sharon Kanutski, Leanna Marshall, Elder Gerry Martin, Angelina Tassone, Morning Star Tom, Indigenous Trustee Scottie Wemigwans

ALTERNATES: Dinah Jung, Joyce Spence

RESOURCES: Jackie Corbett, Anika Guthrie, Jane Lower, Tanya Moses, Sherri-Lynne Pharand, Director of Education, Jasmine Sgambelluri

GUESTS: AJ Keene, Fred Van Elburg

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Myra Bannon, Kathy Beardy, Trustee Ellen Chambers (Alternate), Sheila DeCorte, Emily Drake, Indigenous Student Trustee, Anthony Jeethan, Cheryl King-Zewiec, Dave Paddington, Brett Parres, Trustee Ryan Sitch (Alternate), Meghan Smelow, Elder/Knowledge Keeper Renee Tookenay, Leland Waboose, Yolanda Wanakamik, Neil Workman

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

3.	Agenda and Minutes		
	3.1 Approval of Agenda - September 21, 2023	<p>Moved by Trustee Pat Johansen and seconded by Indigenous Trustee Scottie Wemigwans, that the agenda for the November 2, 2023 Miiniwewinan meeting be approved with the following amendments:</p> <p>5. Business Arising 5.1 Year at a Glance 5.2 Membership</p> <p>Carried</p>	Serena Essex
	3.2 Approval of Minutes – June 15, 2023	<p>Moved by Shelby Chung and seconded by Trustee Pat Johansen, that the minutes for the September 21, 2023 Miiniwewinan meeting be approved as written.</p> <p>Carried</p>	Serena Essex
4.	Presentations		
	4.1 Mino Bimaadiziwin 2023 Indigenous Youth Leadership Program	<p>Anika Guthrie shared a presentation outlining the Mino Bimaadiziwin Indigenous Youth Leadership program that was held at Fort William Historical Park in August 2023.</p> <p>All members' questions were addressed.</p>	Anika Guthrie
	4.2 Four Directions Reach Ahead Program	<p>Anika Guthrie shared a presentation outlining the Four Directions Reach Ahead Credit Program.</p> <p>All members' questions were addressed.</p>	Anika Guthrie
	4.3 Student Achievement Report & Math Achievement Action Plan	<p>Fred Van Elburg, Program Coordinator, shared a report outlining an overview of student achievement data at Lakehead Public Schools.</p> <p>AJ Keene, Superintendent of Education, shared a presentation outlining the Mathematics Achievement Action Plan for 2023-2024.</p> <p>All members' questions were addressed.</p>	Fred Van Elburg AJ Keene

5.	Business Arising from the Minutes		
	5.1 Year at a Glance	Jasmine Sgambelluri, FNMI Resource Teacher, shared an update outlining the progress 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 Membership	Anika Guthrie continued a discussion about making changes to the committee's membership to allow room for First Nations partners who have service agreements with LDSB to be involved. A suggestion of a second advisory circle was given that would include First Nations communities that have students attending our schools. Feedback was requested from the committee. All members' questions were addressed.	Anika Guthrie
6.	New Business		
	6.1 Treaties Recognition Week	Jasmine Sgambelluri, FNMI Resource Teacher, and Jackie Corbett, FNMI Student Success Resource Teacher, shared a resource that was created for teachers K-12 to help plan their lessons during Treaties Recognition Week, November 5-11, 2023. All members' questions were addressed.	Jasmine Sgambelluri Jackie Corbett
	6.2 Board Action Plan (BAP) Funding	This item was deferred.	
	6.3 Rideau Hall Grant	Co-Chair Heather Harris shared information and asked for feedback about an initiative to apply for funding that would increase the number of FNMI teachers throughout the country and how the grant funding would affect Lakehead Public Schools. All members' questions were addressed.	Heather Harris
7.	Ongoing Business		
	7.1 Indigenous Student Trustee Update	There was no Indigenous Student Trustee update at this time.	
	7.2 Community Updates	Tanya Moses, FNMI Partnership Coordinator, shared an update on activities she has been involved with.	Tanya Moses
8.	Information and Inquiries	Co-chair Heather Harris announced that the new Principal of Indigenous Education and Program is Kali Bernst.	
9.	Closing	Co-chair Essex closed the meeting.	
10.	Next Meeting	Thursday, December 14, 2023	
11.	Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 12:09 p.m.	