



**MIINIWEWINAN
INDIGENOUS EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

DATE: Thursday, February 8, 2024 – 9:00 am – 12:00pm – Boardroom/Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

CO-CHAIR: Serena Essex
Heather Harris

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathy Beardy, Shelby Ch'ng, Elliott Cromarty, Emily Drake, Indigenous Student Trustee, Trustee Pat Johansen, Jane Lower, Leanna Marshall, Elder Gerry Martin, Angelina Tassone, Indigenous Trustee Scottie Wemigwans, Elder Sheila DeCorte

ALTERNATES: Trustee Ellen Chambers, Dinah Jung, Akansha Kaur

RESOURCES: Anika Guthrie, Anthony Jeethan, Shai Loyie, Jane Lower, Tanya Moses, Jasmine Sgambelluri

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Myra Bannon, Kali Bernst, Kristy Boucher, Anna Fern Kakegamic, Michelle Kakegamic, Sharon Kanutski, Miranda Lesperance, Dave Paddington, Brett Parres, Meghan Smelow, Morning Star Tom, Elder/Knowledge Keeper Renee Tookenay, Trustee Trudy Tuchenhausen (Alternate), Leland Waboose, Yolanda Wanakamik, Neil Workman

	AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1.	Opening	Elder Gerry Martin called the meeting to order.	Elder Gerry Martin
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.	Serena Essex

3.	Agenda and Minutes		
	3.1 Approval of Agenda - February 8, 2024	<p>Moved by Trustee Pat Johansen and seconded by Shelby Ch'ng, that the agenda for the February 8, 2024 Miiniwewinan meeting be approved with the following amendments:</p> <p>That the presenter for item 4 Tikanagan Teachings will be changed to Tanya Moses and that item 5.2 Completed 13 Moons be deferred.</p> <p>Carried</p>	Heather Harris
	3.2 Approval of Minutes – December 14, 2023	<p>Moved by Elder Sheila DeCorte and seconded by Elliott Cromarty, that the minutes for the December 14, 2023 Miiniwewinan meeting be approved as written.</p> <p>Carried</p>	Serena Essex
4.	Presentations		
	Tikanagan Teachings	<p>Tanya Moses, FNMI Partnership Coordinator, shared a presentation highlighting the Tikanagan teachings that have been happening in the elementary schools at Lakehead Public Schools.</p> <p>All members' questions were addressed.</p>	Tanya Moses
5.	Business Arising from the Minutes		
	5.1 Parent Involvement Committee Funding	<p>Co-chair Serena Essex asked the group for ideas and suggestions on how to spend the Parent Involvement Committee Funding that has been given to Miiniwewinan.</p> <p>All members' questions were addressed.</p>	Serena Essex
	5.2 Completed 13 Moons	This item was deferred to the March 21, 2024 meeting.	Jasmine Sgambelluri
	5.3 Board Action Plan Feedback	<p>Co-chair Heather Harris reviewed the Board Action Plan feedback that was received from the committee during the breakout session at the December 14, 2024 Miiniwewinan meeting.</p> <p>All members' questions were addressed.</p>	Heather Harris

6.	New Business		
	6.1 Grade 3 Virtual Field Trips	Jasmine Sgambelluri, FNMI Resource Teacher, shared a presentation about a virtual field trip in partnership with Fort William Historical Park, that Grade 3 students participated in called Inaadiziwin (A Way of Life). All members' questions were addressed.	Jasmine Sgambelluri
	6.2 Membership	Co-chair Heather Harris updated the committee on membership changes and membership inquiries that have been received. All members' questions were addressed.	
	6.3 Introduction of New Staff	Co-chair Heather Harris introduced Shai Loyie, Lakehead Public Schools' new Indigenous Student Well-Being and Engagement Co-ordinator.	Heather Harris
	6.4 Support for Eabemetoong	Jane Lower, Superintendent of Education, updated the committee on efforts being made by Lakehead Public Schools to support Grade 9 students in Fort Hope that have been affected by the recent fire at the community's school. All members' questions were addressed.	Jane Lower
7.	Ongoing Business		
	7.1 Indigenous Student Trustee Update	Emily Drake, Indigenous Student Trustee shared information about 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	<p>Trustee Ellen Chambers shared information about the Diversity Thunder Bay event that will be held on March 21, 2024.</p> <p>Shelby Ch'ng shared information about a mentorship program being developed between Matawa and Lakehead Public Schools.</p> <p>Leanna Marshall shared information about a bead exhibition (Wall Pocket) that is showing at the Thunder Bay Art Gallery.</p> <p>Elder Sheila DeCorte shared information about a Family Day event being held at the Heritage Building.</p> <p>Elder Sheila DeCorte shared concerns regarding the smudging protocols at Ogden Community Public School.</p>
9.	Closing	Elder Gerry closed the meeting.
10.	Next Meeting	Thursday, March 21, 2024
11.	Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 12:09 p.m.