



**MIINIWEWINAN
INDIGENOUS EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

DATE: Thursday, April 25, 2024 – 9:00 am – 12:00pm – Boardroom/Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

CO-CHAIR: Serena Essex
Heather Harris

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

ALTERNATES: Trustee Ellen Chambers, Dinah Jung, Akansha Kaur

RESOURCES: Kali Bernst, Tanya Moses, Stephanie Petiquan, Jasmine Sgambelluri, Meghan Smelow,

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Myra Bannon, Kathy Beardy, Shelby Ch'ng, Kristy Boucher, Anika Guthrie, Anthony Jeethan, Michelle Kakegamic, Sharon Kanutski, Jane Lower, Leanna Marshall, Elder Gerry Martin, Dave Paddington, Brett Parres, Angelina Tassone, Trustee Trudy Tuchenhausen (Alternate), Leland Waboose

	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 - April 25, 2024	<p>Moved by Trustee Pat Johansen and seconded by Indigenous Trustee Scott Wemigwans, that the agenda for the April 25, 2024 Miiniwewinan meeting be approved with the following amendments:</p> <p>That Elder Sheila DeCorte will open and close the meeting in Elder Gerry's absence and Smudging at Ogden Community Public School be added to Business Arising from the Minutes.</p> <p>Carried</p>	Heather Harris
	3.2 Approval of Minutes – February 8, 2024	<p>Moved by Trustee Pat Johansen and seconded by Elliott Cromarty, that the minutes for the February 8, 2024 Miiniwewinan meeting be approved with the following amendments:</p> <p>That Elder Sheila DeCorte's inquiry regarding smudging at Ogden Community Public School be included in the minutes.</p> <p>Carried</p>	Heather Harris
4.	Presentations		
	4.1 Jordan's Principle Service Coordinator	<p>Karen Honan, Jordan's Principle Service Coordinator, shared the background of Jordan's Principle and gave an explanation on her responsibilities and duties in her role.</p> <p>All members' questions were addressed.</p>	Karen Honan
	4.2 2024-2025 Indigenous Education Budget	<p>Stephanie Ryyanen, Supervisor of Financial Services presented the 2023-2024 Indigenous Education budget allocations and expenses as well as an explanation of the budget process for 2024-2025.</p> <p>All members' questions were addressed.</p>	Stephanie Ryyanen
5.	Business Arising from the Minutes		
	5.1 Parent Involvement Committee Funding	<p>Co-chair Heather Harris and Co-chair Serena Essex asked for input from the committee for suggestions on how to spend the PIC funding that has been allocated to Miiniwewinan.</p> <p>All members' questions were addressed.</p>	Heather Harris

	5.2 Revised Miiniwewinan Policy	<p>Co-chair Heather Harris shared that Policy 8061 previously named Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee (AEAC) was reopened and has been approved to have the name changed to Policy 8061 Miiniwewinan: Indigenous Education Advisory Committee.</p> <p>Co-chair Heather Harris brought forward a Trustee inquiry on whether the committee had any interest in the policy being translated into Anishinaabemowin.</p> <p>Further discussion will continue at a future meeting.</p> <p>Feedback was received and all members' questions were addressed.</p>	Heather Harris
	5.3 Trustee Character Award Nomination	Co-chair Heather Harris shared that a Trustee Character Award nomination has been submitted for Destiny Linklater and Baby Makwa.	Heather Harris
	5.4 Smudging at Ogden Public School	<p>Elder Sheila DeCorte shared concerns about the smudging protocol at Ogden Community Public School.</p> <p>Co-chair Heather Harris shared that an update will be brought to a future meeting for discussion.</p>	Elder Sheila DeCorte
6.	New Business		
	6.1 Summer Programs – Looking Ahead	<p>Kali Bernst, Principal of Indigenous Education and Program shared that the hiring of a coordinator for summer programming is being explored and that the elementary summer programs will begin in July.</p> <p>All members' questions were addressed.</p>	Kali Bernst
	6.2 Cadmus Delorme Presentation	Kali Bernst, Principal of Indigenous Education and Program shared information about the Cadmus Delorme presentation that occurred at Westgate Collegiate and Vocational Institute.	Kali Bernst
	6.3 Cultural Items in Schools Protocol Discussion	<p>Co-chair Serena Essex opened a discussion and asked for feedback from the committee about cultural items in schools and how to properly care and store them.</p> <p>Feedback was received and all members' questions were addressed.</p>	Serena Essex
7.	Ongoing Business		
	7.1 Indigenous Student Trustee Update	<p>Emily Drake, Indigenous Student Trustee shared information about initiatives she is currently working on.</p> <p>All members' questions were addressed.</p>	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	There was no update.	Anika Guthrie
8.	Information and Inquiries	Co-chair Heather Harris that there will be a Fort William First Nation flag raising ceremony at Westgate Collegiate and Vocational Institute on Monday, April 29 at 1:00 p.m.	
9.	Closing	Elder Sheila closed the meeting.	
10.	Next Meeting	Thursday, June 13, 2024	
11.	Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 12:32 p.m.	