



**MIINIWEWINAN
INDIGENOUS EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

DATE: Thursday, December 19, 2024 – 9:00 am – 12:00pm – Boardroom/Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

CO-CHAIR: Heather Harris
Serena Essex

MEMBERS PRESENT: Elliott Cromarty, Trustee Pat Johansen, Akansha Kaur, Anna Fern Kakegamic, Elder Gerry Martin, Grant Robbins, Indigenous Trustee Scottie Wemigwans

ALTERNATES: Trustee Ellen Chambers, Dinah Jung

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

GUESTS: Eryn Genno, Student Representative

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Kathleen Andrews, Myra Bannon, Kathy Beardy, Kristy Boucher, Sheri Boucher, Shelby Ch'ng, Elder Sheila DeCorte, Emily Drake, Indigenous Student Trustee, Michelle Kakegamic, Cheryl King-Zewiec, Miranda Lesperance, Jane Lower, Dave Paddington, Brett Parres, Elder Melissa Roberts, Angelina Tassone, Morning Star Tom, Trustee Trudy Tuchenhausen (Alternate),

	AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1.	Opening	Elder Gerry Martin opened the meeting.	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.	Heather Harris

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3.	Agenda and Minutes		
	3.1 Approval of Agenda - December 19, 2024	Moved by Trustee Pat Johansen and seconded by Indigenous Trustee Scottie Wemigwans, that the agenda for the December 19, 2024 Miiniwewinan meeting be approved as written. Carried	Serena Essex
	3.2 Approval of Minutes – September 26, 2024	Moved by Trustee Pat Johansen and seconded by Elliot Cromarty, that the minutes for the November 7, 2024 Miiniwewinan meeting be approved as written. Carried	Serena Essex
4.	Presentations		
	4.1 Anishnaabemowin Revitalization	Anishnaabemowin Revitalization Coordinator shared the Immersion Program Implementation Plan to the committee. All members' questions were addressed.	Anika Guthrie
	4.2 Treaties Recognition Week	Jasmine Sgambelluri, FNMI Resource Teacher and Coordinator shared a presentation about the activities that occurred during Treaties Recognition Week at Lakehead Public Schools. All members' questions were addressed.	Jasmine Sgambelluri
5.	Business Arising from the Minutes		
	5.1 Terms of Reference	Co-chair Heather Harris shared a handout to the committee outlining the Terms of Reference mandate from the Ministry and shared a draft document for the committee's feedback. All members' questions were addressed.	Heather Harris
	5.2 LDSB Strategic Plan	Co-chair Heather Harris shared a link to a survey and asked the committee to provide feedback regarding the creation of the LDSB Strategic Plan. All members' questions were addressed	Heather Harris

6.	New Business		
	6.1 Board Action Plan Recap and Looking Forward	<p>Kali Bernst, Principal of Indigenous Education and Program shared a presentation highlighting key initiatives of the Board Action Plan and next steps.</p> <p>All members' questions were addressed.</p>	Kali Bernst
	6.2 Kindergarten Registration	<p>Co-chair Heather Harris shared that January 13, 2025 will be the Kindergarten Registration night at Ecole Elsie MacGill with the second event being held in April 2025.</p> <p>Feedback was requested from the committee about how to reach communities that may not attend the large event.</p> <p>All members' questions were addressed.</p>	Heather Harris
	6.3 Miiniwewinan Board Presentation	Co-chair Heather Harris shared information in annual Miiniwewinan Board Report that was presented at the Annual Board Meeting on December 3, 2024. The Director's Annual Report was also shared with the committee.	Heather Harris
7.	Ongoing Business		
	Indigenous Student Trustee Update	There was no update available at this time.	Emily Drake
8.	Information and Inquiries	<p>Co-chair Heather Harris shared a letter sent from trustees to the Minister of Education highlighting ongoing concerns regarding changes to transportation funding.</p> <p>All members' questions were addressed.</p>	
9.	Closing	Elder Gerry Martin closed the meeting.	
10.	Next Meeting	Thursday, February 6, 2025	
11.	Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 12:06 p.m.	