



**MIINIWEWINAN  
INDIGENOUS EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**DATE:** Thursday, February 6, 2025 – 9:00 am – 12:00pm – Boardroom/Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

**CO-CHAIR:** Heather Harris

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kathleen Andrews, Shelby Ch'ng, Elliott Cromarty, Eryn Genno, Indigenous Student Trustee, Trustee Pat Johansen, Anna Fern Kakegamic, Cheryl King-Zewiec, Grant Robbins, Elder Melissa Roberts, Morning Star Tom

**ALTERNATES:** Trustee Ellen Chambers, Dinah Jung

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

**GUESTS:**

**ABSENT WITH REGRETS:** Myra Bannon, Kathy Beardy, Kristy Boucher, Sheri Boucher, Elder Sheila DeCorte, Serena Essex, Anthony Jeethan, Michelle Kakegamic, Akansha Kaur, Miranda Lesperance, Jane Lower, Dave Paddington, Brett Parres, Angelina Tassone, Trustee Trudy Tuchenhausen (Alternate), Indigenous Trustee Scottie Wemigwans

	AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1.	Opening	Elder Melissa Roberts opened the meeting.	Elder Melissa Roberts
2.	2.1 Land Acknowledgement	Co-chair Heather Harris acknowledged the lands and traditional territory.	Heather Harris
	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 - February 6, 2025	<p>Moved by Elliot Cromarty and seconded by Anna Fern Kakegamic, that the agenda for the February 6, 2025 Miiniwewinan meeting be approved as written.</p> <p><b>Carried</b></p>	Heather Harris
	3.2 Approval of Minutes – December 19, 2024	<p>Moved by Grant Robbins and seconded by Elliot Cromarty, that the minutes for the December 19, 2024 Miiniwewinan meeting be approved as written.</p> <p><b>Carried</b></p>	Heather Harris
4.	Presentations		
	4.1 Indigenous Education Continuum Update	<p>Jasmine Sgambelluri, FNMI Resource Teacher and Coordinator, shared a presentation highlighting the partnership with Fort William Historical Park and the virtual field trip experienced by Grade 3 classes during the month of January, and the Grade 6 book club who read The Barren Grounds.</p> <p>All members' questions were addressed.</p>	Jasmine Sgambelluri
	4.2 Cultural Safety Strategy Update	<p>Kali Bernst, Principal of Indigenous Education and Program shared a presentation highlighting an event held in January 2025 with key note speaker Riley Yesno.</p> <p>All members' questions were addressed.</p>	Kali Bernst
	4.3 Embedding Indigenous Perspectives	<p>Jasmine Sgambelluri, FNMI Resource Teacher and Coordinator shared information about the Embedding Indigenous Perspectives PD for staff that has been ongoing for several years.</p> <p>All members' questions were addressed.</p>	Jasmine Sgambelluri
5.	Business Arising from the Minutes		
	5.1 Miiniwewinan Terms of Reference	<p>Co-chair Heather Harris shared that the Terms of Reference for Miiniwewinan, that were worked on during the December committee meeting, were approved by the Board and will be posted to the website.</p> <p>All members' questions were addressed.</p>	Heather Harris

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	5.2 Board Action Plan	Kali Bernst, Principal of Indigenous Education and Program gave a brief recap of the information shared with the committee in December 2024 and asked for feedback.  All members' questions were addressed	Kali Bernst
6.	New Business		
	6.1 2025 OPSBA Award Nominations	Co-chair Heather Harris shared information about the 2025 OPSBA nominations that are due by April 4, 2025.  All members questions were addressed.	Heather Harris
7.	Ongoing Business		
	7.1 Anishinaabemowin Revitalization Report	Anika Guthrie, Anishnaabemowin Revitalization Coordinator shared an update about the completion of the long-range plans for the elementary continuum and that supporting the secondary schools during semester two will be a focus.  All members questions were addressed.	Anika Guthrie
8.	Information and Inquiries	Trustee Ellen Chambers shared information about the Diversity Thunder Bay event that will be held on March 19, 2025. Co-chair Heather Harris shared that Miiniwewinan will be purchasing a table.  Indigenous Student Trustee, Eryn Genno share information about the musical that is being held at Westgate Collegiate and Vocational Institute on February 26-28, 2025.	
9.	Closing	Elder Melissa Roberts closed the meeting.	
10.	Next Meeting	Thursday, March 27, 2025	
11.	Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 p.m.	