



**MIINIWEWINAN
INDIGENOUS EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

DATE: Thursday, June 19, 2025 – 9:00 am – 12:00pm – Boardroom/Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

CO-CHAIR: Heather Harris
Serena Essex

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathleen Andrews, Shelby Ch'ng, Elliott Cromarty, Elder Sheila DeCorte, Trustee Pat Johansen, Anna Fern Kakegamic, Grant Robbins, Morning Star Tom, Indigenous Trustee Scottie Wemigwans

ALTERNATES: Trustee Ellen Chambers, Dinah Jung, Akansha Kaur

RESOURCES: Kali Bernst, Anika Guthrie, Jasmine Sgambelluri

GUESTS: Shai Loyie, Patti Pella, Education Officer, Indigenous Education Office, Ministry of Education,

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Myra Bannon, Kathy Beardy, Kristy Boucher, Sheri Boucher, Anthony Jeethan, Michelle Kakegamic, Cheryl King-Zewiec, Miranda Lesperance, Jane Lower, Elder Gerry Martin, Dave Paddington, Sherri-Lynne Pharand, Director of Education, Elder Melissa Roberts, Angelina Tassone, Trustee Trudy Tuchenhausen (Alternate)

	AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1.	Opening	Elder Sheila DeCorte opened the meeting.	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

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3.	Agenda and Minutes		
	3.1 Approval of Agenda June 19, 2025	Moved by Trustee Pat Johansen and seconded by Anna Fern Kakegamic, that the agenda for the June 19, 2025 Miiniwewinan meeting be approved with the following amendment: • That Elder Sheila will open and close the meeting. Carried	Heather Harris
	3.2 Approval of Minutes March 27, 2025	Moved by Indigenous Trustee Scottie Wemigwans and seconded by Elliott Cromarty, that the minutes for the March 27, 2025 Miiniwewinan meeting be approved as written. Carried	Heather Harris
4.	Presentations		
	4.1 Anishinaabemowin Revitalization	Anika Guthrie, Anishinaabemowin Revitalization Coordinator shared an Anishinaabemowin Revitalization Strategy update. All members' questions were addressed.	Anika Guthrie
	4.2 Miiniwewinan Powwow Prep for Families	Shai Loyie, Indigenous Student Wellness and Engagement Coordinator shared information about the Powwow prep for families that is planned for tonight (June 19, 2025) at Westgate Collegiate and Vocational Institute. All members' questions were addressed.	Shai Loyie
	4.3 Cultural Safety Strategy	Kali Bernst, Principal of Indigenous Education and Program shared information about the collective action happening ensure Indigenous students, families, and community members flourish within Lakehead Public Schools. The committee was broken up into small groups to discuss and add to the information that was acquired at a previous workshop.	Kali Bernst
5.	Business Arising from the Minutes		
	National Indigenous Peoples Day	Jasmine Sgambelluri, FNMI Resource Teacher and Coordinator shared highlights about activities that occurred on June 5, 2025, National Indigenous Peoples Day. All members' questions were addressed.	Jasmine Sgambelluri

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6.	New Business		
	6.1 Indigenous Education Priorities 2024-2025	This agenda item was deferred to the next meeting.	
	6.2 LPS Ceremony Protocol	This agenda item was deferred to the next meeting.	
7.	Ongoing Business		
	Indigenous Student Trustee Update	There was no update at this time.	
8.	Information and Inquiries	Co-chair Heather Harris shared proposed committee meeting dates for the 2025-2026 school year. Co-chair Heather Harris shared that the nomination we submitted to the Canadian School Boards Association came in second place.	
9.	Closing	Elder Sheila DeCorte closed the meeting.	
10.	Next Meeting	Thursday, October 2, 2025	
11.	Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 p.m.	