



Minutes

THE MINUTES OF THE FIRST NATION, MÉTIS, AND INUIT EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING held on Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at 6:00 p.m., at the Alderville Community Centre.

PRESENT:

Trustee/Members: Lisa Evans, Trina Turner, Elizabeth Collins, Elijah Crawford, Karrie MacMurray, Aricka Fleguel, Diane Sheridan, Julie Bothwell (guest), Margaret Murray, Jacqueline Gorveatt, Elaine Devlin, James Brake, Kerri-Lee Langer

Regrets: Andy Dufrane, Lisa Currie, Christine Dunn, Angelo Costa, Bernadette Peters, Cora Bunn, Christa Lewis, Dawn Lavell-Harvard, Mira Pearson, Peter Richardson

Administration: Michael Nasello, Tim Moloney, Sharon Lajoie

Recorder: Jenny Leahy

A. Call to Order

1. Welcome and Introductions

Tim Moloney welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Jacqueline Gorveatt and Julie Bothwell for the kind invitation to Alderville First Nation. Mr. Moloney invited introductions from the committee.

2. Land Acknowledgement

Tim Moloney recognized that we were gathered on the Alderville First Nation and grateful to our hosts for welcoming us.

3. Opening Prayer

Jenny Leahy, on behalf of Angelo Costa, opened with prayer.

4. Approval of Agenda

MOTION

Moved by Elaine Devlin, seconded by Jacqueline Gorveatt
That the agenda be approved with the addition of the "Ontario Federation Anglers and Hunters".

Carried

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on March 6, 2018
MOTION Moved by Lisa Evans, seconded by Trina Turner
That the Minutes of the Meeting held on March 6, 2018 be approved as presented.
Carried

6. Business Arising from the Minutes
 - Committee Terms of Reference – this document was shared and input provided by the committee at the last meeting in March. This document will be included on the September agenda for additional input.
 - Grandfather Teachings – Michael Nasello has been gathering feedback on this document. He will share it with the committee again to request additional input.

B. Presentations/Discussions

1. Presentation by Alderville First Nation
Jacqueline Gorveatt introduced Julie Bothwell, Councillor with Alderville First Nation. Julie welcomed the committee members on behalf of Chief James Marsden and brought greetings from the entire Alderville community. Julie shared information about the community, including the many services offered.

The community is very active, hosting annual picnics, regattas, and PowWow, where the elders are teaching the younger generations the traditional ways such as wild rice gathering, hunting, dancing, singing, and drumming. Julie stressed the importance of educating, not only First Nation youth, but also non-Indigenous people, of the cultures and traditions of the First Nation. It is important to remember that it takes time to accomplish these changes but by continuing to make connections, and coming together on a common ground, this will be accomplished.

2. Report/Update from Community Partners (15 minutes)

Curve Lake First Nation - Aricka Fleguel

Curve Lake School has just completed a comprehensive evaluation, which is required every five years for all First Nation schools in order to maintain federal funding. The draft evaluation noted that Curve Lake is a model school, having implemented changes as recommended in the last evaluation.

Naturalizing playground – The playground is being renovated. The school will retain the climber and the swings, but will be adding fallen log structures, areas for fine motor and quiet play, as well as a Wigwam and log tunnels.

“Hope in the Darkness” National Walk for Youth Mental Health is a cross-country walk for youth mental health led by youth and police officers from across the country. The walk provides police officers and youth with the opportunity to take a stand on youth mental health and the supports that are needed nationally. Sergeant Kevin Redsky began walking on April 1, 2018 in the Eastern portion of Canada. On May 15, 2018, Senior Constable Robert Campbell began his journey in the Western portion of Canada.

Both officers currently hold positions with the Anishinabek Police Service Curve Lake Detachment. On Monday, June 11, Youth from Curve Lake First Nation will be meeting up with Kevin in Petawawa.

Language Conference – Curve Lake First Nation is hosting a Language Conference in the community in July.

Hiawatha First Nation – Karrie MacMurray

Parent Education Workshop – The workshop was held in April, and was hosted by People for Education. Parents found this to be very productive. There was a strong guest speaker who provided information to help parents to support their children to be more successful at school.

PowWow – May 19-20 – This was a great success and the weather did not hinder the event.

2nd Annual Grandfather Teachings Awards – June 1. The concept was developed to formally acknowledge members of the Hiawatha First Nation Community. The ceremony was semi-formal and was held at the Peterborough Curling Club. New this year was an Ancestor Award, which acknowledges and pays homage to those that came before us and recognizes the work brought to the community. This year's recipient was the late George Howard. Mr. Howard was instrumental in advocating for curriculum changes implemented in the 1980's.

2018 graduates – Hiawatha First Nation does not have any on reserve Grade 8 Graduates for the 2017–2018 school year.

Alderville First Nation – Jacqueline Gorveatt

24th PowWow – July 14-15 – Theme: Honouring the Fire, Honouring the Water.

Annual Education Student Awards – July 7 – This awards program recognizes youth of all ages, from both public and Catholic school boards. If PVNC is interested in helping distribute awards, please contact Nancy Marsden Fox at the Administration Office.

Community Picnic – June 24, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Summer Job Opportunities - There are still lots of summer jobs available for youth in the Alderville Community.

Nogojiwanong Friendship Centre – Diane Sheridan

Summer – Cultural Camps are being held at the Centre and are being offered for children ages 6-12 and 12-18.

Summer Craft Show – July 7, 2018

Summer Job Opportunities – positions are available for students to help with child care.

All event information is posted on the Centre's website at <http://www.nogofc.ca/events/2018-07/>.

3. [Honouring Indigenous Education in PVNC](#)

Sharon spoke to some of the events and activities highlighted in this newsletter.

4. Revised FNMI Voluntary Self-Identification Administrative Procedures and brochures/posters

Sharon Lajoie introduced the Administrative Procedures and the brochure. First Nation and Métis community partners were invited to participate in revising the Administrative Procedures, originally from 2009.

The administrative procedures were accepted by the Policy Development Committee at the meeting held on May 28.

The committee was asked to review the brochure and provide feedback. The document will be revised as per the feedback provided and brought back to the September meeting.

5. Revised First Nation, Métis and Inuit Studies Curriculum (secondary) and Revised Social Studies (gr. 4-6) and History Curriculum (grades 7, 8 and 10)

Sharon provided an update regarding the revised curriculum. The revised Social Studies and History curricula will be implemented in September 2018 and the First Nation, Métis and Inuit Studies curriculum, while it is expected to be available for September 2018, implementation is not mandatory until 2019.

6. 2018-19 Board Action Plan

The intention was for members to rotate through each pillar, but due to time constraints, members were only able to give input at one or two pillars. Sharon Lajoie will share the document to solicit more feedback to support planning for the 2018-19 Board Action Plan.

7. Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters

Tim explained the parent concern brought to his attention in May. The concern caused us to pause and reflect on our association with the Federation.

The committee discussed the concern.

C. Informational Items

1. First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education Advisory Committee Recruitment for Parents, Students and Educators

Memo was sent to staff in June. A banner ad was included on the Board website and an ad placed in school newsletter to attract parents and students.

2. Student Leadership Gathering - October 2-4, 2018 at the Ontario Educational Leadership Camp (OELC)

Planning is underway with the York Region DSB, Kawartha Pine Ridge DSB, Simcoe County DSB and PVNC Catholic District School Board. The Camp will be held in October and approximately 10 students in grades 7-10 from PVNC will be able to participate. More information will be forthcoming in September.

3. Summer Institutes - Indigenous Cultural Competency Training (ICCT) Cycle 2 and 3 - August 22 and 23, 2018 - Catholic Education Centre

Opportunities to any staff and members of the FNMI committee

4. Walking the Path Facilitators Training - August 27-29, 2018 - Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School, Courtice

The session in August will be facilitated by the OPP. Everyone is welcome. Please let Sharon know if you are interested.

D. Next Meeting

1. 2018-2019 Proposed Meeting Dates:
 - September 18, 2018
 - December 11, 2018
 - March 19, 2019
 - June 4, 2019

E. Conclusion

1. Closing Prayer Margaret Murray
Margaret Murray closed with prayer.

2. Adjournment
MOTION Moved by Margaret Murray, seconded by Elijah Crawford
That the meeting adjourn at 8:45 p.m.
Carried