



Minutes

THE MINUTES OF THE FIRST NATION, MÉTIS, AND INUIT EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING held on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., in the Boardroom at the Catholic Education Centre.

PRESENT:

Trustee/Members: Linda Gendron, Mark La France, Christine Dunn, Kerri Langer, Pam Knott, Elaine Devlin, Kelly McNeely, Trina Turner, Lisa Evans, Aricka Fleguel, Cora Bunn, Aimee Sleep, Claudine Dowdall, Andy Dufrane, James Brake.

Regrets: Karrie MacMurray, Diane Sheridan, Christa Lewis, Krista McEwen, Dawn Lavell-Harvard, Peter Richardson, Michael Nasello, Jacqueline Gorveatt, Calahndra Brake, Madeline Battersby, Michel Champagne

Administration: Tim Moloney, Sharon Lajoie

Recorder: Jenny Leahy

A. Call to Order

1. Land Acknowledgement

2. Opening Prayer

Tim Moloney asked Jenny Leahy to lead with prayer.

3. Welcome and Introductions

New and returning members were asked to introduce themselves.

4. Approval of Agenda

MOTION

Moved by Andy Dufrane, Seconded by Elaine Devlin
To approve the Agenda, as presented.

Carried

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on June 5, 2018 (attached)

MOTION

Moved by James Brake, Seconded by Aricka Fleguel
To approve the Minutes, with the addition of Kerri Langer as in attendance.

Carried.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes
 - i. Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters
Tim provided an update regarding a meeting at the Federation.
 - ii. Grandfather Teachings – more information will be forthcoming

B. Presentations/Discussions

1. Community Partners Sharing

Curve Lake First Nation – Aricka Fleguel

It has been a busy start to school year. The school added to their playground to include a more naturalized environment.

A Land Based Wellness Facilitator has been hired at the school to work with staff and students on incorporating the environment and project based learning.

The Curve Lake PowWow was held over the weekend of September 15-16, 2018. It was another great success.

The Williams Treaty has finally been settled. It is considered a great success to have finally received acknowledgement from the government. This positive outcome is being celebrated throughout the community.

Peterborough and District Wapiti Métis Council – Andy Dufrane

The local office will be hiring a Métis Well Being Coordinator to work with seniors.

The local council will be hosting a community event in the fall which will be open to the public. The intent of this event is to showcase the culture, dancing, food, etc. to educate the community about the Métis people.

Métis Nation of Ontario – Women’s Council – Cora Bunn

The local Council hosted the Métis Nation of Ontario Annual General Assembly over the summer. Members attended from across the province. The Women’s Council met at this conference and discussed subjects affecting women and families.

2. Board Action Plan 2017-2018 – Final report
Sharon shared a summary of the 2017-2018 Board Action Plan on Indigenous Education.
3. Board Action Plan 2018-2019 – Draft plan for input
The members were asked to participate in an exercise to collect input to be incorporated into the Board Action Plan 2018-2019. The Ministry of Education requires the Board Action Plan in early October.

4. PVNC – Honouring Indigenous Education in PVNC

Sharon shared a verbal report:

- Indigenous Cultural Competency Training - Cycles 2 and 3 held during the summer – good participation
- Six (6) PVNC Teachers trained - Walking the Path Facilitator – continue to build resources
- St. Paul CES, Lakefield – Parents asked for an Ojibwe Language Teacher. Teacher began the week of September 10. 18 students - 1 class - 40 minutes a day
- Orange Shirt Day – September 30. All schools have been asked to participate. Sharon provided many resources. CEC Staff will join Holy Cross staff and students at 10:45 a.m. on October 1.
- Lunch/Learn for CEC staff with Freddy Taylor, a residential school survivor - October 1
- Indigenous Student Leadership Gathering – co-planned with other boards. Four (4) PVNC students applied. Still spots available. Please contact Sharon. This is a great opportunity for students to gain leadership and cultural competency knowledge
- FNMIEAO Elders’ Gathering - October 19-21 – Cedar Glen YMCA – Learning on the land with Elders, Senators and Knowledge Holders – Funding is still available. Anyone interested in attending should contact Sharon

5. R.A. - Committee Terms of Reference

MOTION Moved by Karri-Lee Langer, Seconded by Elaine Devlin
To amend the Committee Terms of Reference, as follows:

Mandate

From	To
To provide advice on the implementation of the Ontario First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education Policy Framework document which addresses the objectives of improved Aboriginal student achievement, and the engagement of all students in increased understanding of Aboriginal histories, cultures, and perspectives.	To provide advice and guidance on the implementation of the Ontario First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education Policy Framework document which addresses the objectives of improved Indigenous student achievement and well-being, and the engagement of all students in increased knowledge and appreciation of contemporary and traditional First Nation, Métis and Inuit rich histories, traditions, cultures and perspectives.

Responsibility

From	To
To make recommendations to the Board regarding matters related to the implementation of the Ontario First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education Policy Framework which includes the goals of high levels of student achievement; reduced gaps in student achievement; and high levels of public confidence.	To make recommendations to the Board on the implementation of the Ontario First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education Policy Framework with respect to improving Indigenous student achievement and well-being, and engaging all students in increased knowledge and appreciation of contemporary and traditional First Nation, Métis and Inuit rich histories, traditions, cultures and perspectives

5. R.A. - Committee Terms of Reference (cont'd)

Membership

From	To
Teachers – Elementary and Secondary	Elementary and Secondary Permanent Teachers
Superintendent of Schools	Superintendent of Learning and Student Success
Secondary Student	Secondary Students
Consultants – Learning Support Services, Special Education Services, and Student Success	Board Consultants
First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Community Members	First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Community Representatives
Remove Manager of Communication, FOI/POP	Add <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indigenous Education Lead • Director of Education (as a Resource)

Meetings

From	To
Meet 2-3 times per year	Meet Minimum of four (4) times per year

Carried

6. FNMI Self-Identification Brochure and Poster – feedback/approval

The Committee members were provided with samples of the proposed brochure and poster. Discussion took place. The committee agreed to remove the following bullet from the brochure:

- *Focused support for Indigenous students to succeed and stay in school until graduation*

The Committee was satisfied with the content in this brochure. Once printed, the document will be sent to all schools and included in the Kindergarten packages.

The poster will be taken back to the communities for additional input and comments will be forwarded to Sharon Lajoie.

C. Informational Items

1. Student Leadership Gathering - October 2-4, 2018 at the Ontario Educational Leadership Camp (OELC) – additional spaces are available.

D. Next Meeting

1. Tuesday, December 11 – Location TBD
2. Volunteer(s) for Opening and Closing Prayer
 - Opening prayer – Kerri Langer
 - Closing prayer – Tim Moloney

E. Conclusion

1. Closing Prayer

Tim Moloney asked Sharon Lajoie to close with prayer.

2. Adjournment

MOTION

Moved by Linda Gendron, Seconded by Andy Dufrane

To adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Carried