



Minutes

THE MINUTES OF THE FIRST NATION, MÉTIS, AND INUIT EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING held on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., in the Boardroom at the Catholic Education Centre.

PRESENT:

Trustee/Members: Linda Gendron, Mark La France, Kerri Langer, Pam Knott, Trina Turner, Lisa Evans, Cynthia Gray, Karrie MacMurray, Aricka Fleguel, Andy Dufrane, James Brake, Peter Richardson, Michael Nasello, Michelle Griepsma

Regrets: Elaine Devlin, Krista McEwen, Cora Bunn, Aimee Sleep, Claudine Dowdall, Jacqueline Gorveatt, Calahndra Brake, Madeline Battersby, Michel Champagne, Braden Leal, Matt Bowen, Christa Lewis

Administration: Tim Moloney, Sharon Lajoie

Recorder: Jenny Leahy

A. Call to Order

1. Land Acknowledgement
2. Opening Prayer
Kerri Langer opened with prayer.
3. Welcome and Introductions
Tim Moloney welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited introductions.
4. Approval of Agenda
MOTION Moved by Aricka Fleguel, Seconded by Linda Gendron
That the agenda be approved, as presented.
Carried
5. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on September 18, 2018
MOTION Moved by Linda Gendron, Seconded by Andy Dufrane
That the Minutes of the September 18, 2018 meeting be approved
Carried
6. Business Arising from the Minutes
There were none.

B. Presentations/Discussions

1. Community Partner Sharing

Nogojiwanong Friendship Centre – Cynthia Gray

There have been some staffing changes/additions at the Friendship Centre, including Cultural/Early Years Resource, Community Wellness Worker, HR Manager, Court Worker, and a Mental Health Resource Worker.

The teepee was damaged in a windstorm and has now been repaired and is back in service. The Centre has completed the sweat lodge which is now holding ceremonies.

Hiawatha First Nation – Karrie MacMurray

November 6 – Education Services Agreement Signing Ceremony took place with the Chief/Council, as well as the Director of Education and Chair from Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board. Students from North Shore Public school sang an honour song and a closing song at the celebration.

December 13 – 10th Annual Public Speaking Competition takes place for students ages 6–18. In the evening, to honour the 10th anniversary, Hiawatha First Nation will be celebrating community member, Joan Ferguson, who initiated the competition.

Curve Lake First Nation – Aricka Flequel

Transformation of Education: Will change the Funding Structure for First Nation Schools – Beginning April 1, 2019, CLFN school will be funded for each student equal to the Provincial GSN.

New Language Coordinator – the position has been awarded to Anne Taylor.

CLFN school working with the Kawartha Sexual Assault Centre on a project where Elders share stories and teachings with students in grades 2/3 in the wigwam on site at the CLFN school. This is combined with an art project that will be compiled into a book upon completion of the program.

Caleb Musgrave and the Land Based Wellness Facilitator plan fires in the wigwam along with outdoor learning and cultural teachings every Friday.

Twenty-nine (29) secondary students will be attending the Indspire Conference in Calgary this February, 2019. This is the 5th year students from Curve Lake have attended this conference.

Peterborough and District Wapiti Metis Council – Andy Dufrane

The local Council hosted a Louis Riel Luncheon at the Canoe Museum on November 16. The event was well attended, including representatives from PVNC.

There has been a new Health and Care Wellness Coordinator hired.

Members of the local Council attended St. Alphonsus Catholic Elementary School for a cultural visit. It was a great opportunity to share with the students who seemed to enjoy the visit and the learning.

2. Honouring Indigenous Education in PVNC

Sharon Lajoie provided a summary to the Committee of some of the activities and initiatives that have taken place this school year. A link to the electronic newsletter can be accessed by clicking on the following link - <https://spark.adobe.com/page/yFQblqBNb6bFW/>

3. Grandfather Teachings

Michael Nasello distributed a revised version of “Celebrating Our Teachings at the Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board”. This document shows the alignment between the Grandfather Teachings, Gospel Values, the Fruits of the Holy Spirit, and the Catholic Graduate Expectations. Michael has received input from some Elders and Knowledge-keepers on this project.

Committee members provided additional feedback and suggestions for changes, including renaming of the document title.

A revised copy of this document will be brought to the next meeting in March.

4. Proud to Be: First Nation, Métis, and Inuit - Voluntary Self-Identification

Sharon Lajoie shared the final version of the self-identification brochure and explained the plans for distribution. This brochure was originally created in 2009 and was overdue for revision.

The poster that accompanies the brochure has also been revised. A draft will be brought to the next Advisory Committee Meeting in March.

5. Holy Cross CSS – Gitxsan Indigenous Reciprocal Youth Exchange

The Board has been successful in an application to Experiences Canada (formerly SEVEC) for an exchange between Holy Cross CSS students and students from the Gitxsan First Nation in British Columbia.

The exchange will be chaperoned by PVNC staff Ruth Finan, James Brake and Sharon Lajoie.

The objectives of the exchange are to:

- enhance participants’ knowledge and understanding of Canada;
- connect and create linkages with one another; and
- help young Canadians enhance their appreciation of the diversity and shared aspects of the Canadian experience.

PVNC will be hosting the Gitxsan students from March 24-30. Holy Cross students travel to Gitxsan from April 30-May 6.

The opportunity was offered first to students in the NDG4M - Aboriginal Governance: Emerging Directions course and to First Nation and Métis students at Holy Cross CSS.

Following the exchange, the participating students will be highlighting their experience in a presentation to the Board of Trustees, as well as the First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Advisory Committee.

The itinerary for the Gitksan student visit is being developed with students, teachers and community members.

C. Information Items

D. Next Meeting

1. Tuesday, March 19, 2019 – Location: Catholic Education Centre
2. Volunteer(s) for Opening and Closing Prayer
 - a) Opening prayer – Trina Turner
 - b) Closing prayer – Tim Moloney

E. Conclusion

1. Closing Prayer
Tim Moloney closed with prayer.

2. Adjournment

MOTION

Moved by Linda Gendron, Seconded by Lisa Evans
That the meeting be adjourned at 8:26 p.m.
Carried.