



THE MINUTES OF THE FIRST NATION, MÉTIS, AND INUIT EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING held on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 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, Aricka Fleguel, Andy Dufrane, James Brake, Peter Richardson, Michael Nasello, Elaine Devlin, Krista McEwen, Cora Bunn, Aimee Sleep, Jacqueline Gorveatt, Calahndra Brake, Madeline Battersby, Michel Champagne, Braden Leal, Karrie MacMurray

Regrets: Cynthia Gray, Claudine Dowdall, Lisa Evans, Matt Bowen, Shannon O'Connor

Administration: Tim Moloney, Sharon Lajoie

Recorder: Jenny Leahy

A. Call to Order

1. Land Acknowledgement

2. Opening Prayer

Tim Moloney invited Trina Turner to open with prayer.

3. Welcome and Introductions

Tim Moloney welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited introductions.

4. Approval of Agenda

MOTION

Moved by Elaine Devlin, Seconded by Kerri Lee Langer
That the agenda be approved with a change to the title of item B.6 to read "Celebrating Sacred Teachings".

Carried

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on December 11, 2018

MOTION

Moved by Braden Leal, Seconded by Andy Dufrane
That the Minutes of the December 11, 2018 meeting be approved, as presented.

Carried

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

There were none.

B. Presentations/Discussions

1. Community Partners Sharing

Alderville First Nation - Jacqueline Gorveatt

Alderville has seen various staffing changes lately. Chief James Marsden, who has been Alderville's Chief for over 10 years, has resigned his position to take up a regional position as Southeast Deputy Grand Council Chief. James had done many great things during his time as Chief of Alderville and his new post will further guide the community regionally. The First Nation has four Councillor Positions and elections will be held July 5.

A Williams Treaty Committee has been established, with the largest focus being on the settlement, future land base, and developing strategies to protect the First Nation for future generations.

Alderville continues to provide excellent programming for youth, including social services, cultural activities, after school programming, drumming, sports, arts, and providing opportunities for students to visit colleges/universities to explore post-secondary education options.

Community meetings re Bill S3 – the Act was developed to amend the Indian Act in response to a Superior Court decision. The community is reviewing it to determine how it will affect the Alderville membership. This amendment may result in an increase to the membership.

Dnaagdawenmag Binnoojiiyag Child and Family Services – An agreement has been signed by Chief and Council. This is a positive step as it will now include a First Nation identity to CAS files.

Hiawatha First Nation – Karrie MacMurray

Public Speaking Competition – The annual event was a tremendous success.

Elections – elections were held in January and Chief Laurie Carr was acclaimed. Cynthia Gray was elected as a new Councillor, with Social Services being a large part of her portfolio. Hiawatha holds their elections in January every two years.

Budget time – The year end is March 31. Staff and elected officials are wrapping up the current year and budget discussions are well underway in preparation for the new fiscal year.

Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI) - Meetings with the Association have been taking place. Topics include how First Nation education is transforming. Indigenous Services Canada Programs are up for review every five years and the Association's Member Nations have been continuing to seek jurisdiction over their own education system. The Association is discussing what a community-based education system and language revitalization might look like. There has also been lots of discussion around first fluency vs occasional language, ie. immersion, first speaking. Interesting and deep discussions at these meetings.

Holy Cross CSS – There is one new grade 11 student registered with Holy Cross CSS.

Métis Nation of Ontario Women's Council – Cora Bunn

The Council received funding from the Status of Women, Gender Equality. The Métis Nation of Ontario Women's Council is the only Métis group ever to receive funding from Status of Women. The most recent workshop was held in Thunder Bay.

The workshops are designed to develop leadership skills in Métis women.

Curve Lake First Nation – Aricka Flequel

Aricka reported that Council elections are held in June every three years. Staff are currently in the budget planning stage, preparing for the next fiscal year. School and educational programs mentioned in the previous meeting minutes continue to be successful.

Métis Nation of Ontario - Peterborough and District Wapiti Métis Council – Andy Dufrane

Andy attended a meeting in Toronto with the education committee of the Métis Nation of Ontario. He shared information regarding the shared partnership the local council has with the PVNC school board.

Infinite Outreach Program for Métis students in grades 10, 11, 12. This is an opportunity for students to meet with people to better understand the benefits of post-secondary education, connect with other students in Ontario and learn from elders about the Métis food and culture. This program is all expenses paid and was held in March in Mattawa this year.

Elections are held every four years and will be coming up soon.

2. Honouring Indigenous Education in PVNC - Sharon Lajoie

<https://spark.adobe.com/page/iS3eDxB0SUdVR>

Sharon explained some of the activities, events, and learning opportunities that have taken place in our schools in recent months.

Sharon also introduced the Indigenous Peoples Atlas of Canada, and a Scholastics Community Ties resource. The Scholastics resource was gifted to teachers that participated in a voluntary workshop.

A new book study has begun on the "Seven Fallen Feathers", a book by Tanya Talaga. The study has been well attended by both teaching and non-teaching staff.

3. Indigenous Students and Allies Group, St. Peter CSS - Linda Gendron
Linda Gendron, shared her experience with the program she developed for Indigenous and non-Indigenous students in grades 9-12. Linda implemented the program to run over lunch period. This initiative is intended to help Linda, in her role as a Guidance Teacher, to better understand the students she serves. After a slow start, Linda now sees up to 12 students at each group session. The group sessions allow students to make connections, build relations, share experiences, discuss goals and what opportunities are available for them following secondary school.

The group has been discussing the four directions, reviewing the Ojibwe language, learning how to introduce themselves, learning the vowel song, and participating in cultural activities. Linda has found that students are becoming more comfortable with sharing and asking questions.

4. Be Proud Poster - Sharon Lajoie
Sharon circulated copies of the revised poster. Feedback collected from previous meetings has been incorporated into this recent version. The Committee provided final review and offered minor suggestions. The poster will be distributed to all schools.
5. Introduction to Anishnaabemowin - Sharon Lajoie
This eight week course was attended by both academic and non-academic staff, some of whom were of Indigenous ancestry.

Committee members offered strategies to assist with language, including labelling parts of the school or classroom, using Walking the Path as a way to teach some vocabulary, etc.

It was agreed that teachers could share their language learning with their students, as long as they situated themselves as a learner themselves.

6. Celebrating Sacred Teachings - Michael Nasello
Michael Nasello introduced the revised document and received feedback.

This document was first introduced to the Committee a few years ago and draws the parallel between the Grandfather Teachings, Fruits of the Holy Spirit, the Catholic Graduate Expectations, and the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit. The document continues to evolve with input from this Committee.
7. Kairos Blanket Exercise - Memorandum of Understanding and Facilitator Training - Sharon Lajoie
An invitation was extended to Committee Members to attend this facilitator training on April 1-2.

B. Informational Items

1. Gitxsan/Holy Cross CSS Exchange Itinerary - James Brake

James Brake shared some of the activities to take place for the week of March 25. The itinerary is as follows:

Sunday, March 24, 2019

21:05 - Arrive - Toronto

23:30 - arrive at Holy Cross CSS

Monday, March 25, 2019

a.m. - meet at Holy Cross CSS

Period 1 & 2 - Introductions (grandfather teachings & bracelet, with James Brake, Mi'kmaq, Qalipu First Nation, and Kim Muskratt, Anishnaabe, Hiawatha First Nation)

Lunch - cafeteria

11:50 pm - depart Holy Cross CSS for Curve Lake FN

Visit Sugar Bush with Jack Hoggarth and Lorenzo Whetung

Visit Whetung Art Gallery

4:00 pm - Arrive back at HCCSS

Dinner with host families

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm – Peterborough Family YMCA

Sports (conditioning room, basketball court, squash court, 8:00 pm yoga class)

Tuesday, March 26

8:15 am - departure from Holy Cross CSS for Toronto

10:30 am -11:30 am - CN Tower

11:45 am - bus to ROM

12:00 noon - bagged lunch - ROM

12:30 pm -1:30 pm - guided lesson workshop

1:30 pm - 3:30 pm - free time @ ROM

3:30 pm - depart ROM

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Eaton Centre, free time & food court for dinner

8:00 pm - arrive at Holy Cross CSS

Wednesday, March 27

8:45 am - departure for Petroglyphs

10:00 am – 12:00 noon - Teachings by Curve Lake First Nation Elders

12:00 noon - Bagged lunch on bus

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm - Trent University, First Peoples House of Learning & TRACKS program

3:30 pm - arrive back @ Holy Cross CSS

Dinner & Evening - with host families

1. Gitxsan/Holy Cross CSS Exchange Itinerary - James Brake (cont'd)

Thursday, March 28

- 6:00 am – depart from Holy Cross CSS for Ottawa
- 10:00 am - arrive Parliament Hill
- 10:15 am - security check-in for House of Commons
- 10:35 am and 10:40 am - two groups of 24 - free 40 minute tour of House of Commons
- 11:30 am - 12:00 noon - Explore Centennial Flame & Parliament Hill
- 12:00 noon - depart Parliament Hill
- 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm - History Museum
 - includes lunch, 45 minute grand tour at 1:00 pm & free time
- 2:30 pm – depart Museum
- 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm - Royal Canadian Mint Tour
- 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm - Byward Market
- 5:00 pm – dinner in Ottawa
- 6:00 pm – depart Ottawa
- 10:00 pm – arrive at Holy Cross CSS

Friday, March 29

- 8:50 am – depart Holy Cross CSS
- 9:15 am – 11:30 am - Tipi stories and Dream Catcher workshop at Nogojiwanong Friendship Centre
- 11:45 am – lunch - pizza @ Canoe Museum
- 12:15 pm – 2:15 pm - Canoe Museum
- 2:30 pm – arrive at HCCSS
- 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm - Feast - Pot luck

Cali Brake, Student Trustee, will be participating in this exchange. She will document experiences through social media, and on the Experiences Canada website.

C. Next Meeting

1. Tuesday, June 4, 2019 – Location: Catholic Education Centre
2. Volunteer(s) for Opening and Closing Prayer
 - Opening prayer – Kerri-Lee Langer
 - Closing prayer – Jamie Brake

D. Conclusion

1. Closing Prayer
 - Tim Moloney closed with prayer.

2. Adjournment

MOTION

Moved by Linda Gendron, Seconded by Elaine Devlin
That the meeting be adjourned at 8:27 p.m.
Carried.