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THE MINUTES OF THE FIRST NATION, MÉTIS, AND INUIT EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING held on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 6:30 p.m., in the Boardroom at the Catholic Education Centre, 1355 Lansdowne Street West, Peterborough.

## PRESENT:

Trustee/Members: Braden Leal, Lisa Evans, Kerri Langer, Trina Turner, Ainsley Dunn, Pam Knott, Mark LaFrance, Jacqueline Gorveatt, Karrie MacMurray, Aricka Fleguel, Cynthia Gray, Linda Gendron, Jamie Brake, Elaine Devlin

Guest: Christa Lemelin

Regrets: Michael Nasello, Andy Dufrane, Aimee Sleep, Clare Armstrong, Mitch Champagne, Shannon O'Connor, Della Stewart-Figueira

Administration: Tim Moloney, Sharon Lajoie

Recorder: Jenny Leahy

## A. Call to Order

1. Land Acknowledgement – Tim Moloney
2. Opening Prayer  
Tim Moloney asked Jacqueline Gorveatt to lead with opening prayer.
3. Welcome and Introductions  
Tim Moloney welcomed the members to the first meeting of the year. He invited everyone to introduce themselves.
4. Approval of Agenda  
**MOTION** Moved by Braden Leal, seconded by Lisa Evans  
That the Agenda be approved, as presented.  
Carried
5. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on June 4, 2019  
**MOTION** Moved by Elaine Devlin, seconded by Braden Leal  
That the Minutes of the meeting held on June 4, 2019 be approved.  
Carried

6. Business Arising from the Minutes  
There was none.

**B. Presentations/Discussions**

1. Community Partners Sharing

Alderville First Nation – Jacqueline Gorveatt

Elections – Chief David Mowatt, and all newly elected Councillors, are new to Alderville First Nation Council. The newly elected Chief brings knowledge and experience to his role, along with a keen interest in maintaining history and traditions. Term for Council is two years.

Student awards – the awards were presented in early July

Pow Wow – the 25<sup>th</sup> annual Pow Wow was held July 13-14, 2019. It was very successful. Many teachers attended this event.

Wild Rice Celebration – the celebration will take place on October 19, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Black Oak Savanna.

Hiawatha First Nation – Karrie MacMurray

Karrie reported the following data relating to Hiawatha First Nation students, living on reserve, and the varying levels of education for the 2019-2020 school year:

Elementary – 39 (approx.)  
Secondary – 14 (approx.)  
Post secondary – 15 (approx.)  
Attending Holy Cross CSS – 4 (approx.)  
Grade 8 graduates (2018-2019) – 9 (actual)

Curve Lake First Nation – Aricka Fleguel

Emily Whetung was sworn in as Chief following the June 2019 election. Three of the eight Councillors are new to the Council.

Pow Wow – September 21-22, 2019. Note – the admission is not free (despite some advertising being incorrect).

Enrolment at the Curve Lake First Nation school is up 25%.

New School - pre-build study is ongoing and is expected to be completed by December, with the intention of being shovel ready in 2020.

Nogojwanong Friendship Centre - Cynthia Gray

The number of intake meetings for students in PVNC has increased this year. The Friendship Centre offers opportunities in the public board, but will need to explore programs (eg. lunch/learn) for Catholic board students.

Métis Nation of Ontario – Christa Lemelin

On June 27, 2019 in Ottawa, the Métis Nation of Ontario, the Métis Nation of Alberta and the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan and the Honourable Carolyn Bennett, Canada's Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations, signed the first ever self-government agreement between the Government of Canada and a Métis government.

MNO Peterborough and District Wapiti Métis Council activities – The local Council has held many workshops and has been promoting services to their members. Workshops were aimed at encouraging community involvement and networking.

Harvest Lunch – This event takes place on October 6 at Canadian Canoe Museum. The lunch is well attended each year, involves cultural entertainment and offers opportunity for networking.

2. Celebrating Sacred Teachings – Update - Sharon Lajoie

On behalf of the Director of Education, Michael Nasello, Sharon Lajoie provided an update regarding the document. The Director had also received input from the Religion Consultant and the Faith Animator at PVNC.

The Director is searching for an interactive solution for smartboards and has engaged the help of a co-op placement student to work on the project in-house in the Computer Services Department.

3. Revised FNMI Studies Curriculum – Sharon Lajoie

In June 2019, the Ministry of Education released the revised curriculum, which has been long overdue. The curriculum has a mandatory implementation of September 2019.

Sharon provided a listing of new courses. The following courses are being offered in PVNC schools this year:

NBE 3U/C/E	Understanding Contemporary FNMI Voices (19 sections in 4 schools)
NDA 3M	Contemporary FNMI Issues & Perspectives (4 sections in 2 schools)
NDW 4M	Contemporary Indigenous Issues & Perspectives in a Global Context (2 sections)
NDG 4M	FNMI Governance in Canada (1 section)

Although there are no FNMI courses being offered in grades 9 and 10, Sharon explained that the Grade 10 History Curriculum has been enhanced to include First Nations, Métis and Inuit history and perspectives and that all teachers are encouraged to integrate FNMI perspectives in all curriculum areas and there are resources to support this.

There was a discussion around how the Board is assessing if teachers/schools are incorporating Indigenous education (history, culture and language) in other subject areas. It is a concern that the focus is on events and activities. The Board offers a number of professional learning opportunities for educators to engage in authentic learning and best practices for cross-curricular integration of First Nations, Métis and Inuit history and perspectives. Our data on this is anecdotal (conversations, observations, Twitter, social media, etc.). This discussion will inform actions within the Board Action Plan to monitor more closely the work happening in the board.

4. Board Action Plan on Indigenous Education - Final Report – Highlights - Sharon Lajoie
  - a. Honouring Indigenous Education in PVNC  
<https://spark.adobe.com/page/hXBvBUC9CBXkb/>
5. Board Action Plan on Indigenous Education - 2019-2020 - Sharon Lajoie  
Following a review of the highlights for the 2018-2019 school year, the committee engaged in an exercise to gather input for the Board Action Plan on Indigenous Education for the 2019-2020 school year.

**C. Informational Items**

1. Indigenous Cultural Competency (Awareness) Training - Cycle 1 - October 9 and November 7

**D. Next Meeting**

1. Tuesday, December 10, 2019 – Location: Catholic Education Centre
2. Volunteer(s) for Opening and Closing Prayer
  - Opening prayer – Kerrie-Lee Langer
  - Closing prayer – Linda Gendron

**E. Conclusion**

1. Closing Prayer  
Tim Moloney asked Lisa Evans to close with prayer.

2. Adjournment

**MOTION**

Moved by Linda Gendron, seconded by Jamie Brake  
That the meeting be adjourned at 8:25 p.m.  
Carried.