



# Minutes

THE MINUTES OF THE FIRST NATION, MÉTIS, AND INUIT EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING held on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 6:30 p.m., in the Boardroom at the Catholic Education Centre, 1355 Lansdowne Street West, Peterborough.

## PRESENT:

Trustee/Members: Braden Leal, Kerri-Lee Langer, Ainsley Dunn, Pam Knott, Mark LaFrance, Jacqueline Gorveatt, Karrie MacMurray, Aricka Fleguel, Linda Gendron, Della Stewart-Figueira, Michael Nasello, Andy Dufrane

Regrets: Clare Armstrong, Mitch Champagne, Elaine Devlin, Lisa Evans, Trina Turner, Cynthia Gray, Jamie Brake, Aimee Sleep, Shannon O'Connor

Administration: Tim Moloney, Sharon Lajoie

Recorder: Jenny Leahy

## A. Call to Order

1. Land Acknowledgement - Tim Moloney
2. Opening Prayer  
Tim Moloney asked Kerri Langer to lead with opening prayer.
3. Welcome and Introductions  
Tim Moloney welcomed the members to the meeting and invited introductions.
4. Approval of Agenda  
**MOTION** Moved by Braden Leal, seconded by Linda Gendron  
That the Agenda be approved.  
Carried
5. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on September 17, 2019  
**MOTION** Moved by Jacqueline Gorveatt, seconded by Braden Leal  
That the Minutes be approved, as presented.  
Carried
6. Business Arising from the Minutes  
There was none.

**B. Presentations/Discussions**

1. Community Partners Sharing

**Curve Lake First Nation – Aricka Fleguel**

Pow Wow – Curve Lake First Nation held their annual Pow Wow - Celebration of Waabaabagaa Giizis “Leaves Changing Colour Moon” - on September 21 and 22. It was another successful year and was well attended.

**Hiawatha First Nation – Karrie MacMurray**

- Public Speaking Competition – The event is being held on Thursday, December 12 and is for students ages 6-18.
- Post-Secondary Graduate Studies Bursary – A policy was developed which outlines the application and distribution process. The Bursary Program will provide assistance for graduate students where the lack of finances would hinder the completion of their post-secondary studies.

**Alderville First Nation – Jacqueline Gorveatt**

- New Administrative Offices – Plans are underway for the new building.
- Student Services – has been renamed to Alderville Alternative School.
- Community Open House - December 20, 2019
- Christmas Concert – December 14, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.
- Indian Day School Settlement – The legal process is underway which will provide a settlement to those individuals, still living, who attended the Day School (Mission School) in Alderville. The settlement will recognize the loss of culture and language which is still felt.

**Peterborough and District Wapiti Métis Council – Andy Dufrane**

- Louis Riel Day (November 16) – Louis Riel Celebration Lunch was held on November 18 at the Peterborough Museum and Archives.
- Fall Harvest Lunch – The event was held at the Canadian Canoe Museum. It was well attended by the public, as well as members from PVNC. There was lots of food and opportunity for engagement and networking.
- Cultural Camps – The camps are being held in February and March for senior students. The idea behind the camp is to instill culture and crafts in students. The camps provide a venue for students to explore different post-secondary options and learn about financial opportunities available to assist with further education.

2. PVNC Sharing – St. Peter CSS/Haida Gwaii Exchange 2020

PVNC applied for and was granted an Experiences Canada exchange for 2020. The exchange will involve 20 students (grades 9-11) from St Peter CSS and 21 students from GidGalang Kuuyas Naay Secondary School in Haida Gwaii, Queen Charlotte Island, BC. The hosting itinerary is being developed but will follow a similar format to the Gitxsan-Holy Cross CSS exchange of 2019. All self-identified First Nation and Métis students at SPCSS were contacted and offered the opportunity to participate in this exchange.

Students have been matched with a student in similar grade from Haida Gwaii and the students have begun communicating, slowing getting to know each other.

Dates of the exchange are as follows:

April 15-20, 2020 - SPCSS hosts

May 28-June 3, 2020 - SPCSS travels to Haida Gwaii

3. Ministry of Education Updates - Sharon Lajoie
  - New Indigenous Education Officer to support PVNC
  - Templates for the Board Action Plan and the Board Assessment Tool on Indigenous Education have been revised
  - The Board Action Plan has been consolidated, eliminating the need for an interim report
4. 2019-2020 - [Board Assessment Tool on Indigenous Education](#)  
Sharon reviewed the Assessment Tool and explained how it will help the Board monitor the efficacy of the learning resources, opportunities, experiences, and support for educators and students.
5. 2019-2020 Board Action Plan - Update
  - a. We Are the Land – a new curriculum resource for grades 4-6 teachers.
  - b. Student Voice – Indigenous Students and Allies Groups  
Linda Gendron spoke about the student group at St. Peter CSS and some of the activities that they have undertaken. Linda is hoping interest will increase throughout the school year.
  - c. Celebrating Sacred Teachings – this resource is nearing completion.
  - d. Métis Learning Day – February 25 – hosted with the support of the Métis Nation of Ontario, Education Office, and the Peterborough and District Wapiti Métis Council
  - e. First Nations, Métis and Inuit Studies Professional Learning Community

Input was solicited in small group discussions on new and continued actions for the Supporting Students and Supporting Educators Pillars of the Board Action Plan. Recommendations included increasing opportunities for students and families that will encourage engagement outside of the regular school day. Committee members also discussed the possibility of expanding experiential learning opportunities for educators.

6. [Honouring Indigenous Education in PVNC](#)  
This online newsletter documents the learning happening throughout PVNCCDSB.

## C. Informational Items

### D. Next Meeting

1. Tuesday, March 10, 2020, 6:30 p.m. – Location: Catholic Education Centre
2. Volunteer(s) for Opening and Closing Prayer
  - Opening prayer – Jacqueline Gorveatt
  - Closing prayer – Sharon Lajoie

**E. Conclusion**

1. Closing Prayer - Linda Gendron
2. Adjournment

**MOTION**

Moved by Braden Leal, seconded by Aricka Fleguel  
That the meeting be adjourned at 8:35 p.m.  
Carried