



Minutes

THE MINUTES OF THE FIRST NATION, MÉTIS, AND INUIT EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING held on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at 6:30 p.m., in the Large Boardroom at the Catholic Education Centre.

PRESENT:

Trustee/Members: Kerri Langer, Andy Dufrane, Josh Charpentier, Jamie Brake, Emily Chorley, Jacqueline Gorgeatt, Karrie MacMurray, Mark LaFrance, Lisa Evans, Craig Hulsman, Elaine Devlin, Melissa Bishop, Della Stewart-Figueira, Cynthia Gray, Michelle Griepsma, James Mellon, Braden Leal, Louise Musgrave

Regrets: Aricka Fleguel, Mindy Taylor, Michael Grant, Shannon O'Connor

Administration: Michael Nasello, Tim Moloney, Mike Mooney

Recorder: Jenny Leahy

A. Call to Order

1. Land Acknowledgement – Mike Mooney

2. Opening Prayer - Mike Mooney

Tim asked Mike to lead with prayer.

3. Welcome and Introductions - Tim Moloney

Tim welcomed the members, new and returning, and asked for introductions.

4. Approval of Agenda

MOTION

Moved by Elaine Devlin, seconded by Josh Charpentier
That the Agenda be approved.

Carried

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on June 2, 2020 (attached)

MOTION

Moved by Lisa Evans, seconded by Kerri Langer
That the Minutes of the June 2, 2020 meeting be approved, as presented.

Carried

6. Business Arising from the Minutes.

Tim provided a brief update regarding the status of the hiring of the Indigenous Education Facilitator.

B. Presentations/Discussions

1. PVNC [Startup/Update](#) – Tim Moloney

Tim explained the challenges and the successes resulting from COVID-19 – 2400 remote learners, largest in PVNC. 90 staff employed to work with the Virtual School, including three VPs and one Principal. It is remarkable.

Tim also took the time to explain the learning and focused on the design of the quadmester and cohorting.

Tim also provided an update around the addition safety measures introduced to reduce the spread of COVID-19 as well as the procedures should a staff or student develop the virus.

A link is provided to the Board's website page which provides greater detail as well as a [FAQ section](#).

2. Community Partner Sharing - Tim Moloney

Métis Nation of Ontario – Andy Dufrane

Importance has been on promoting safety amongst the community members. Back to school kit was provided – lunch box, mask, hand sanitizer. A link will be provided to all Métis students who may want to access a kit for their child.

Curve Lake First Nation - Louise Musgrave

The JK-grade 3 school is not opening until October 5. All students are currently learning remotely. Staff are working in the school and getting familiar with safety protocols. Busing has been a challenge to co-ordinate.

The community is still in lockdown. Some staff are back in the office working. All Curve Lake employees will be back, in person, full time, before the end of September.

Nogojwanong Friendship Centre – Cynthia Gray

Majority of students have returned to school but the Centre is preparing for the future in case students/families have to “lock down” again. Support is being provided as much as possible, on an as needed basis.

Hiawatha First Nation – Karrie MacMurray

Most Hiawatha First Nation students have returned to school in person, with few choosing remote learning, and fewer still having opted for home schooling. Support is continuing to be offered and, if Hiawatha First Nation is not able to provide a specific service, it will be resourced elsewhere in order to ensure members are supported. Hiawatha was able to acquire funding which has provided all students, those living on or off reserve, with a \$200 prepaid Visa card to support COVID-19 needs.

There is close monitoring of all students so that no one falls through the cracks.

First Nation Administrative staff have begun returning to work in the office, on a staggered schedule.

Alderville First Nation – Jacqueline Gorveatt

Some restrictions are still in place in Alderville. Students have lost out on summer working opportunities which has caused most students, those planning to head off to post-secondary schools, to delay their education. A positive that has come out of the pandemic has been the community contribution toward the community garden. This garden initiative brought many people together to work and learn and which has resulted in something beautiful.

3. Consultant Update and Planning - Mike Mooney

a. [Honouring Indigenous Education in PVNC](#)

Mike highlighted some of the learning activities and events that took place during the 2019-2020 school year and pointed out how different things will look this year in the times of this global pandemic. Tim pointed out that this new challenge may provide an opportunity to adapt and re-envision this new school year. New resources have been purchased, including virtual resources, that will be shared to support the learning.

In summary, Mike referenced the Committee's Terms of Reference. He challenged the committee to think about how we should move forward to create some new virtual activities that will allow us to continue building momentum, and to review those items in our Board's action plan that we can adapt and continue.

b. Orange Shirt Day – September 30

The committee was invited to offer suggestions for Orange Shirt Day activities (“what comes to mind when you remember the orange shirt days of the past?”). Mike will share a video link from Senator Murray Sinclair of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

c. 2020-2021 Board Action Plan - Planning input

- i. Committee members participated by offering input through [Jamboard](#). This link will continue to be available for several days to give everyone a chance to reflect.

C. Informational Items

1. Celebrating Sacred Teachings – Tim Moloney/Michael Nasello
This resources will be launched on September 18, 2020.
2. 2020-2021 Meeting dates:
 - a. December 8, 2020
 - b. March 9, 2021
 - c. June 1, 2021

D. Next Meeting

1. Tuesday, December 8, 2020 – Location: Catholic Education Centre/virtual
2. Volunteer(s) for Opening and Closing Prayer
Opening – Karrie MacMurray
Closing – Michael Nasello

E. Conclusion

1. Closing Prayer
2. Adjournment
MOTION

Tim Moloney

Moved Braden Leal, seconded by James Brake
That the meeting be adjourned at 8:34 p.m.
Carried