



Minutes

THE MINUTES OF THE FIRST NATION, MÉTIS, AND INUIT EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING held on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 6:30 p.m., in the Large Boardroom at the Catholic Education Centre and also by Google Meet.

PRESENT:

Trustee/Members: David Bernier, Della Stewart-Figueira, Elaine Devlin, Emily Chorley, Helen McCarthy, James Mellon, Joshua Charpentier, Kerri-Lee Langer, Lisa Evans, Melissa Bishop, Andy Dufrane, Mike Grant, Mark LaFrance, Jacqueline Gorveatt, Karrie MacMurray

Regrets: Aricka Fleguel, Mindy Taylor, Shannon O'Connor, Craig Hulsman, Cynthia Gray

Administration: Michael Nasello, Tim Moloney, Mike Mooney

Recording Secretary: Jenny Leahy

A. Call to Order

1. Land Acknowledgement – Mike Mooney
2. Opening Prayer – Karrie MacMurray
Tim Moloney asked Karrie MacMurray to lead with opening prayer.
3. Welcome and Introductions – Tim Moloney
Tim welcomed the members and asked for introductions.
4. Approval of Agenda
MOTION Moved by Karrie MacMurray, seconded by Andy Dufrane
That the agenda be approved, with the addition of B.6
(Congratulations to KPRDSB).
Carried
5. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on September 15, 2020
MOTION Moved by Emily Chorley, seconded by Elaine Devlin
That the Minutes of the Meeting held on September 15, 2020 be
approved, as presented.
Carried
6. Business Arising from the Minutes
There was none.

B. Presentations/Discussions

1. PVNC Catholic District School Board Update – Tim Moloney

Tim provided an update to the Committee regarding the in-person and virtual learning at PVNC Catholic District School Board, along with an overview of the quadmester system.

The protocols put in place in our schools have been very effective and staff and students have adapted well, exercising patience and compliance to ensure safety as much as possible. It is likely that certain protocols will be maintained post-pandemic.

Administrators are now preparing for the third quadmester, which begins February 2. Parents will be encouraged to complete a survey if they wish to make a change from in-person to virtual learning, or virtual to in-person. Surveys will be sent out on December 9. Families have been notified that this will be the last opportunity to make a change.

An update was provided regarding the positive cases affecting our schools. Tim noted the cooperation of school staff and collaborative process developed by our three local health units has been tremendous. He answered questions.

2. Community Partner Sharing

Karrie MacMurray, Hiawatha First Nation

Public Speaking Contest – The 12th annual contest will be held on December 18. The event will be pre-recorded, using the same method Hiawatha used for a Remembrance Day service. There will be three judges and five contestants. The reveal date will be mid-December. The purpose of this contest is to instill self-confidence in students. Prizes will be offered for 1st (\$300), 2nd and 3rd.

Jacqueline Gorveatt, Alderville First Nation

The Alderville First Nation community has embraced technology which is being offered to all members, whether on or off the reserve. Professional development, such as language skills, is being offered via Zoom.

The community is learning to adapt as best as possible under the current circumstances.

Christmas gatherings will not be taking place this year but members are encouraged to reach out to others within the community to offer that social and emotional wellness support.

Andy Dufrane, Peterborough and District Wapiti Métis Council

The Métis Nation of Ontario will run a virtual Métis Cultural Camp this year from January 22-24 for students in grades 10-12. The camp will give participants the opportunity to learn about Métis history and be involved in cultural activities while meeting other Métis students from across Ontario.

3. We Are All Wonderfully Made – Michael Nasello

Using the tagline ‘We are all wonderfully made’ developed by the Institute for Catholic Education, Michael Nasello commissioned poster boards which were distributed to all PVNC Catholic District School Board schools in recognition of Caring and Safe Schools Week, which took place in November. These poster boards were created to address our

commitment to ensuring safe and welcoming communities, and the messaging focuses on the inherent dignity of each human person and emphasizes our common humanity.

4. Consultant's Report – Mike Mooney

a. Honouring Indigenous Education

Mike shared some of the ideas and “Jamboard” contributions that were made regarding Orange Shirt day.

He also provided examples of unique and creative ways our schools are celebrating, recognizing and learning about indigenous cultures and traditions.

Mike touched on Treaties Recognition Week and presented pictures of various student activities that took place.

The Board has subscribed to MacIntyre Media (OnCore), a Canadian streaming video library with a link to current Canadian content, and particularly Canadian indigenous content.

Student Leadership Conference – Michael Nasello spoke to the upcoming Student Leadership Conference which will take place in early spring. This year's conference will be four (4) online, one (1) hour sessions. This year's theme is Voices That Heal and will include presenter Anne Taylor from Curve Lake First Nation. The conference this year will focus on Mental Health and Environmental Health.

b. Virtual guest contact list

Mike shared the updated contact list. He continues to build on this list to include contacts with the ability to connect with classes virtually. Mike will provide this document link to all members. Mike is having wonderful conversations and is learning more with every call that he makes.

c. Indigenous Education AQ course

865 students are enrolled in NBE and Indigenous Studies Courses in PVNC Catholic District School Board schools. All of PVNC Catholic District School Board secondary schools are offering NBE 3C and most are offering the 3U. Currently, Trent University is offering a First Nation, Metis, and Inuit Studies Intermediate Additional Basic Qualifications (ABQ) course for teachers this spring and summer. Mike is working with Dr. Nicole Bell from Trent University about the prospect of developing Indigenous Education Senior AQ courses. These proposed courses are currently under review with the Ontario College of Teachers.

d. Celebrating Sacred Teachings

Teachers are able to use this tool to build on learning activities that connect Catholic Sacred Teachings to daily life.

5. Board Action Plan Review

Walking the Path – 10 module program for junior classes in which students learn about indigenous teachings, residential schools and build self-esteem. There was a discussion around the possibility of program delivery this year. After discussion, it was determined that this program will be suspended until it is able to be offered in its traditional format. In the meantime, it was suggested that the Board consider other alternatives in lieu of Walking the Path.

6. Congratulations to KPRDSB

MOTION

Moved by Helen McCarthy, seconded by Karrie MacMurray
That the PVNC Catholic District School Board of Trustees, at the December 15 meeting, consider extending a congratulatory message to KPRDSB regarding the naming selection for the new East City public school (Kawaitee Public School).
Carried.

C. Informational Items

1. 2020-2021 Meeting dates
 - a. March 9, 2021
 - b. June 1, 2021

D. Next Meeting

1. Tuesday, March 9, 2021 – Location: Catholic Education Centre
2. Volunteer(s) for Opening and Closing Prayer
 - Opening – Tim Moloney
 - Closing – Helen McCarthy

E. Conclusion

1. Closing Prayer Michael Nasello
Tim asked Michael Nasello to close with prayer -
<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/52261ed5e4b0062e359f2751/t/5be2627303ce647935d681e6/1541562996360/Four+Directions+Prayer+.pdf>.

2. Adjournment

MOTION

Moved by Elaine Devlin, seconded by Mike Grant
That the meeting adjourns at 8:35 p.m.
Carried