



Minutes

THE MINUTES OF THE FIRST NATION, MÉTIS, AND INUIT EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING held on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in person or via Google Meet by using: <https://meet.google.com/hwa-kwv-v-eud>

PRESENT:

Trustee/Members: Dakota Gionet, Sherry Davis, Lisa Heitzner, Laren Hill, Kayla Benoit, Julie Brown, Josh Charpentier, Jeanette Hunter, Karrie MacMurray, Cydney Habrake, Della Stewart-Figueira, Patricia (Trixie) Taylor, Beth Needham, Amy Shawanda

Regrets: April Smoke, Katelynn Brennan, Nick Lockwood, Ashley Cantwell, Helen McCarthy

Administration: Julie Selby, Mike Mooney, Jacqueline Gorveatt

Recorder: Shannon Carr

A. Call to Order:

1. Welcome

Superintendent Julie Selby welcomed everyone and asked Mike and Jacqueline to lead the smudging ceremony outside. This ceremony was held outdoors to all those who attended in person. Those who attended virtually had a moment of reflection.

2. Land Acknowledgement - Mike Mooney

Julie Selby asked Mike Mooney to lead with the Land Acknowledgement.

3. Opening Prayer – Helen McCarthy

Julie Selby led with Opening Prayer as Helen was unable to attend the meeting.

4. Sharing Circle - Introductions/reflection

Jacqueline led the sharing circle. No minutes were recorded.

5. Additions to the Agenda

None.

6. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Moved by Sherry Davis, seconded by Lisa Heitzner, that the Agenda be approved.

Carried

7. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

None.

8. Approval of the [Minutes](#) of the Meeting held on Tuesday, June 7, 2022

Jacqueline asked that the third paragraph in the Alderville Community Partner Sharing be removed. Shannon Carr removed the third paragraph.

MOTION: Moved by Sherry Davis, seconded by Jacqueline Gorveatt, that the Minutes be approved, as amended.

Carried

9. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

B. Presentations:

No Presentations took place during this meeting.

C. Updates, Discussion and Input

1. Community Partner Sharing

a. Alderville First Nation - April Smoke

April was unable to attend this meeting.

b. Curve Lake First Nation - Jeanette Hunter

There is a new role within Curve Lake First Nation (CLFN) Education Department: "Manager of Provincial and Post Secondary Programming". In addition, they have added additional staff to LDPS and TASSS.

Jeannette advised the committee that there are 54 students at the Curve Lake First Nation School. 104 students within KPR and 14 students in PVNC. CLFN currently has 88 students enrolled in post secondary.

Curve Lake has elected a new Chief, Chief Keith Knott.

Curve Lake has their Pow wow this coming weekend (September 17-18). It is the first Pow wow in a couple of years due to Covid that is open to the public.

Aricka Fleguel would like to pass along her appreciation in sitting on the committee for the past few years.

c. Hiawatha First Nation - Karrie MacMurray

Hiawatha has 53 students attending Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board (KPR). There are currently no students from Hiawatha attending school at Peterborough Victoria Northumberland Clarington Catholic District School Board (PVNC).

Hiawatha is currently working on an Education Agreement between Hiawatha First Nation (HFN) and PVNC. Karrie is hopeful students will attend PVNC after the Education Agreement is done.

HFN is now in partnership with the library in Keene, Ontario to promote

learning for families. The focus behind partnering with the library is to create an environment for students and their families to have a place to gather information and resources. The hope is to build a strong partnership between the community and learning.

d. Nogojiwanong Friendship Centre- Cydney Habraken

This Thursday (September 17, 2022) Nogojiwanong Friendship Centre is hosting a celebration of life to honor Catherine from 10:00-2:00 p.m. Staff and community members will be there to help celebrate her legacy.

Alternative Secondary School Program (ASSP) has now started which is a 3-5 year pilot program that is rooted in Indigenous learning from Grade 9 to Grade 12. The program is currently with KPR but Cydney is hopeful this will move to PVNC as well.

On September 30, 2022, Nogojiwanong Friendship Centre is hosting an Orange Shirt Day event. The Centre is hopeful that parents bring their children to enjoy family activities, guest speakers and resources provided. This event is a time to remember and celebrate their community coming together. For more information on the event, please click this link to view the poster: [Orange Shirt Day Poster](#).

e. Peterborough and District Wapiti Métis Council - Josh Charpentier

Peterborough and District Wapiti Métis Council (PWMC) has a new office located on 1054 Monaghan Road, Suite 102 in Peterborough. To celebrate the office opening, PWMC is having a Powley Day on Sunday September 18 from 1:00-3:00pm. This marks the day that Powley took their case all the way to the Supreme Court of Canada and Métis were recognized under Canada's constitution. Light refreshments and activities for the kids to participate in will be provided as well as an appearance from the Powley family.

Council is working on Louis Riel Day for November 16, 2022 which was the day he was executed in 1885. Council is working with community partners to organize flag raising ceremonies. Council will also be contacting schools to help get schools and students involved as well

Métis Nation of Ontario is offering a youth camp for students in Grade 10 to Grade 12. The camp will be held from October 27-30th at the Canadian Ecology Centre, in Mattawa. All transportation, food costs etc. will be covered. Each day will consist of different workshops such as storytelling, cultural arts, land-based knowledge and community building.

f. Nijkiwendidaa Anishnaabekwewag Services Circle- Katelynn Brennan

Katelynn was unable to attend this meeting and did not provide an update.

2. Consultant Update - Mike Mooney & Jacqueline Gorveatt

a. Indigenous Education Administrative Procedure (AP)

Mike advised the committee that PVNC is doing an Indigenous Education AP. Mike advised that the idea of the policy was brought up while creating the Equity and Inclusive Education Policy. The AP will allow the Board to maintain a distinguished approach to Indigenous Education in PVNC and not get lumped into Equity and Inclusive Education.

The purpose of the AP is to provide practical direction and responsibility for various roles within the board from the direction and responsibility of students to the Director of Education.

Mike advised the committee that the Indigenous Education AP will be a standing agenda item throughout the year and the Board will be seeking their feedback throughout the year. Mike asked that the committee members start to think about how to reach out for consultation and feedback.

b. Regional Planning sessions

Jacqueline explained the plan of herself and Mike going to visit each school to see where each school is at in their learning journey. Mike and Jacqueline explained that they will use the learning tool of the Medicine wheel Pedagogy as the anchor for each school's learning journey. With the help of Dr. Nicole Bell from Trent University, this pedagogy is being presented as a way to navigate / engage in the journey toward Truth and Reconciliation.

Each school will have a "learning team" which consists of the school Indigenous Education lead, Learning Common Specialist and the school Principal or Vice-Principal. The team, along with Mike or Jacqueline's help, will take their learning back to their school staff and discuss the plan with their teachers. Jacqueline recognizes that every school will be at their own place within their learning journey and it will be a unique experience for each school.

Mike and Jacqueline asked for feedback from the committee on the key process of this exercise. In addition, for feedback on the content they are providing to each school team.

Della Stewart Figueir said she would love the opportunity to collaborate with other teachers on this and compare ideas from different schools.

Julie responded to Della, that there will be a different approach for Secondary students. The goal is to focus on teacher and curriculum chairs by using Niigaan Sinclair to help support staff and students. Julie stated that there are 60 sections of these courses offered across PVNC 6 high schools which is the most the Board has been able to offer students.

c. National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

A memo went out to the school system regarding September 30th. The memo stressed that it is a day of reflection, not a day of celebration. The purpose of this day is to commemorate the legacy of residential schools.

Closer to September 30th, there will be an email that gets sent out to all teachers across the Board, to support them with resources that they can use as a teacher to help support this journey in recognition of learning.

3. TRC/Orange Shirt Day - Amy Shawanda

Amy was wondering if students who identify as Indigenous can be excused from school on September 30th. Some parents may choose not to send their children to school that day due to trauma endured.

Julie responded to Amy to say she understands her concern and she will bring that back to the Director of Education who will make that decision.

Amy made some suggestions to board staff on what not to do during September 30th. Amy suggestions included the following:

- Do not overwhelm the Indigenous staff as they are also experiencing the trauma;
- Avoid any type of debate regarding residential school;
- Avoid the conversations that “not all experiences were bad”;
- Avoid talking about stereotypes; and
- Avoid minimizing the experiences of Indigenous individuals because there are ongoing generations of traumas and impacts.

Mike Mooney thanked Amy for her input and Jacqueline took notes. Mike stated that he and Jacqueline are working hard to ensure that students are aware that we all play a role as a moment on our learning journey. In regards to supporting teachers, Mike advised that they are really promoting the National Centre of Truth and Reconciliation from Grade 1 to Grade 12 which provides many resources students can use in preparation for September 30th.

Cydney Habrake suggested that teachers provide additional resources to parents should they wish to continue their learning journey with their children, at home.

Amy also suggested that it would be important and helpful for teachers to send home a letter to parents, explaining to them about what was discussed with students on September 30th. This helps parents with their own learning journey and can help educate their child(ren).

D. Next Committee Meeting:

1. Next meeting: Tuesday, December 6, 2022
2. Agenda items for the next meeting, please contact, Shannon Carr
3. Volunteers for meeting duties:

Land Acknowledgement: Sherry Davis

Opening Prayer: Lisa Heitzner

Closing Prayer: Kayla Benoit

E. Conclusion:

Closing Prayer – Jacqueline Gorveatt

Julie asked Jacqueline to lead in closing prayer.

Adjournment

MOTION: Moved by Mike Mooney, seconded by Sherry Davis

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.