



First Nation Advisory Committee
Monday, October 28, 2019 4:00 p.m.
Board Room: Board Office

Present:

Trustees

Judy Manitowabi – Chair
Linda Jamieson

Administration

Anna Marie Bitonti, Director of Education
Paula Mann, Superintendent of Education
Sue Wardell, Principal Our Lady of Fatima
Stacey Malette, Principal Our Lady of Sorrows
Derek Belanger, Principal St. Joseph-Scollard Hall
Audrey Gribbons, Principal St. Alexander
Samantha Andrusiek, English Catholic Curriculum Coordinator
Jody Weller, Superintendent of Education

Regrets

Nancy Allaire, Nipissing First Nation
Kathy Fortin, North Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre

1. Call to Order

Judy Manitowabi called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

2. Prayer

Judy Manitowabi led the committee in prayer and acknowledged the traditional land and Treaty territory.

3. Agenda/Minutes

- a) Approval of agenda
 - i. The agenda was approved as presented
- b) Approval of minutes of Monday, June 17, 2019
 - i. The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, June 17, 2019 were approved as presented.

4. NPSC Indigenous Education Initiatives Update:

- a) Indigenous Grad Coach
Jody Weller provided an update on the recent recruitment process for the new Indigenous Grad Coach position. The first round of interviews were held, however, due to extenuating circumstances, the posting was extended and will close November 1, 2019. Candidates will be selected for interviews once the posting closes.

b) **Board Action Plan**

- ii. Final Report 2018-2019
The Final Report was submitted on September 9, 2019. No major content change and the final submission reflects all funding spent. The report is comprehensive and reflects the work of NPSC.
- iii. Appendix A for 2019-2020
Assessment Tool for 2019-2020 was shared. The formatting has changed to be more open ended to share promising practices in the four measurable areas. FNAC will need to complete the assessment. Members provided input on promising practices in the 4 areas: Supporting Students, Supporting Educators, Engagement and Awareness, Using Data to Support Student Achievement. Completion of this tool will help to complete the Board Action Plan for 2019-2020 (Appendix B).
- iv. Appendix B for 2019-2020
The Board Action Plan for 2019-2020 was also shared (Appendix B). Template has changed somewhat, however overall outcomes remain the same. The final report on the 2019-2020 is due Fall 2020.

5) Ministry of Education Update

- a) Leads Gathering
Indigenous Education Leads gathered in Toronto on October 2 & 3, 2019. Much of the session focused on orientation of new members, student voice, sharing of best practices across the province, and networking. Attendees from NPSC included Jody Weller, Christina Beaucage, Tory Fisher, and Candace Fisher.
- b) Reciprocal Education Approach
The Memo from the Ministry of Education dated August 28, 2019 and Fact Sheet was shared and reviewed with the committee. Anna Marie Bitonti provided an update on our work with Nipissing First Nation and a recent meeting with Nancy Allaire, Director of Education – Nipissing First Nation, to review processes for information sharing for registration and enrolment of students in both provincial and First Nations schools.

6) Other

Anna Marie Bitonti, Paula Mann, and Jody Weller will be attending the AES Regional Education Council meeting on October 30, 2019. An update will be provided at the next FNAC meeting.

7) Next Meeting

March 23, 2020, 4:00 p.m. in the NPSC boardroom.

8) Adjournment

Judy Manitowabi adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.