



Minutes of the First Nations Advisory Committee meeting held on Monday, September 24, 2018 at 4:00 pm at the Board Office.

Present

Senior Administration Anna Marie Bitonti – Director of Education
Paula Mann - Superintendent of Education
Jody Weller – Superintendent of Education

Trustees Judy Manitowabi – IEAC/FNAC Chair
Jacques Begin
Linda Jamieson
John Willemsen

Other Nancy Allaire – Nipissing First Nation
Derek Belanger – Secondary Principal
Tony D’Agostino – Elementary Principal
Audrey Gribbons – Elementary Principal
Stacey Malette – Elementary Principal
Susan Wardell – Elementary Principal

Regrets Brandon Manuel – North Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre (NBIFC)
Mary Lou Cappadocia – NPSC Coordinator

1. Call to Order

- a. Judy called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

2. Prayer

- a. Judy led the committee in prayer.

3. Agenda/Minutes

- a. The agenda was approved with amendment added to “Other Information”.
- b. The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, September 24, 2018 were approved as presented.

4. NPSC Indigenous Education Initiatives Update

- a. Indigenous Education Cultural Retreat for Educators - October 23-26, 2018
 - i. Support Services team members to attend in addition to teachers; request for more individuals to attend. Invitations sent to IEAC and FNAC. The planning team has met to organize and plans are well under way. With at least one staff member from each school community, the team anticipates approximately 20 participants.
- b. Truth and Reconciliation Commission Curriculum Approved Proposal – Writing Team

- i. TRC – Writing Team – Resource development reflecting local perspectives and history. Writing is still in process. Writers are also connecting with the staff in the Lands and Culture department of NFN to ensure resource is reflection of local history, language and culture.
- c. Board Action Plan Pre-Assessment 2018-2019
 - i. IEAC/FNAC completed the pre-assessment tool collaboratively. This will continue to guide the work of the Board Action Plan throughout the 18/19 school year.
- d. FNAC/IEAC TRC Document Review
 - i. The document was updated and shared with the committee. Judy described the document as a living document, and invited principals to share (with Jody) any activities happening in their schools that could be included in the document.
- e. Board Action Plan 2018-2019
 - i. Using input from pre-assessment activity above, and our continued work in Indigenous Education, the Board Action plan will be completed to reflect the committee input. Ministry will share updated templates in near future.

5. Ministry of Education Indigenous Education Update

- a. Update: Education Funding 2018-2019 (August 24, 2018)
 - i. The item regarding “Indigenous Grad Coaches” was highlighted from the memo. We are unsure if this opportunity will be available for NPSC and are still awaiting details and/or confirmation.
- b. Indigenous Education Leads Gathering (September 26 & 27, 2018)
 - i. An expanded board team representing principals, teachers, system program staff, NFN community partners and senior administration to attend.

6. Other Information

- a. Treaty Week
 - i. Judy provided information update regarding Treaty Week activities.
- b. Curriculum Writing/Revisions
 - i. Judy engaged OCSTA regarding the cancellation of summer curriculum writing/revisions and received confirmation that the sessions were not cancelled but postponed and we are awaiting details.

7. Next Meeting

- a. TBD

8. Adjournment

- a. Meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.