
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FIRST NATIONS ADVISORY
COMMITTEE HELD ON June 15th, 2016 AT
Moose Deer Point First Nation**

Sheryl St. Pierre, Moose Deer Point First Nation
Chief Barron King, Moose Deer Point First Nation
Sharon Goulais, Dokis First Nation
Catherine Pawis, Wasauksing First Nation
Fran Couchie, Nipissing First Nation
Roslyn Bowness, Superintendent of Schools
Dawn Buckland, Principal of Nobel and Britt Public Schools
Doug Robidoux, Math Teacher Leader
Carol Stevens, First Nations Trustee
Amanda Mathias Mizzi, Coordinator, Indigenous Education
Jackie Young, Director of Education
Larry Paquette, Principal Northern Secondary
Genevieve Solomon Dubois, Henvey Inlet First Nation

1.0 WELCOME

2.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Approved by: Roslyn Bowness
Seconded by: Larry Paquette

3.0 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 13TH, 2015 MEETING

As amended.

Approved by: Fran Couchie
Seconded by: Sharon Goulais

4.0 Business Arising from Minutes

The October 5th, 2015 agenda needs to be approved.

5.0 Program Updates and Review

Amanda discussed the NNDSB initiatives that happened throughout the year. The Artist in Residence program employed 26 local artists with drumming being a main focus. Grandfather drums will be in all Secondary schools next year. The indigenous youth groups are more diverse than ever with each school having their own distinct pathway. Amanda shared the partnerships with Nipissing and University. The FNMI student leadership camp was held at the Tim Hortons memorial camp in Parry Sound. NNDSB took a leadership role in the organizing of this camp.

Amanda distributed copies of George Couchie's book to the committee, *Raised on An Eagle Feather*. All schools have a copy of this. The NNDSB continues to work on Treaty Education in schools and with administration. Educators have taken part in workshops focused on *We Are All Treaty People*. Native Language is currently offered in 6 elementary schools and 2 secondary schools. Woodland Public School will have the opportunity to introduce Native language programming throughout 2016-2017.

Doug Robidoux and Dawn Buckland recapped the FNMI mathematics collaborative inquiry. Wasauksing, Nbisiing and seven NNDSB schools have participated. This CI involved looking at culturally responsive instructional practices and visual-spatial learners. Each school did something unique with their school and community and met back together to share throughout the year. Relationship building continues to be a priority. A video was shared on this development. The committee discussed how to share the video with other groups. It was discussed that each First Nation bring in a "snapshot" of what is going on in their area to add as a standing item on the agenda.

5.1 Aboriginal Secondary Awards

Trustee Stevens attended LaSalle Secondary School in Sudbury where 17 Sudbury schools were represented. The awards presented were for both academic and non-academics. There was a discussion around possibilities like this between First Nation communities and the NNDSB.

5.2 First Nation Updates

First Nation updates will be a standing item on the agenda. Dokis First Nation opened their new museum and trail system and offered workshops on drumming, maple syrup and medicine. Parry Sound is unveiling their new statue of Corporal Francis Pegahmagabow.

5.3 Special Needs Strategy

Roslyn provided information connected to the provincial Special Needs Strategy. An invitation will be sent out to the FNAC group to participate in possible opportunities for input.

6.0 Date Setting – FNMI Action Plans

In October, the Ministry will send out an action plan template. The group discussed getting together before this due date to plan. Roslyn will send out possible dates.

7.0 Board Updates

Carol discussed the Parry Sound Pow Wow and how it was well attended. She also has been attending graduation ceremonies. Understanding and planning around funding for Aboriginal Leads will be provided in the fall. Doug will circulate the FNMIEAO letter to Minister Liz Sandals to the FNAC group.

Motion: FNAC recommends that NNDSB seek clarification on the FNMI funding for Aboriginal Leads.

Approved by: Fran Couchie

Seconded by: Genevieve Solomon Dubois

NEXT MEETING: TBD