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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FIRST NATIONS ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE HELD ON JANUARY 12, 2017 AT  
NNDSB Board Office**

Nancy Allaire, Nipissing First Nation  
Tracy Hanzlik, Nipissing First Nation  
Vince Pawis Jr., Shawanaga First Nation  
Tracie Brown, Wasauksing First Nation  
Roslyn Bowness, Superintendent of Schools  
Jackie Young, Director of Education  
Amanda Mathias Mizzi, Coordinator, Indigenous Education  
Alan Bottomley, Trustee  
Louise Sargent, Trustee  
Larry Paquette, Principal Northern Secondary  
Melanie Simmonds, Executive Assistant

**1.0 WELCOME**

**2.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Did not have quorum

**3.0 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2015 MEETING**

Did not have quorum

**5.0 Our Shared work:**

The Board has been working closely with Maurice Switzer on a, *We Are All Treaty People* project. The focus has been on interactive presentations in our schools with both students and teachers. Amanda shared joint artwork projects taking place. Once complete they will be housed in respective schools giving recognition to the treaty relationships. All of the artwork created will be digitized in order to be presented to schools and communities. Work on a best practices guide to support our schools continues with a draft coming to FNAC once in a more complete format.

**The Four Seasons Program**

This resource has been purchased to support teachers of Grade 10 history. This resource was vetted through communities across Ontario. Amanda provided a brief overview. The site is full of power point presentations and many supportive resources. The group suggested adding First Nation and Union of Ontario Indians links for local support. We look forward to further opportunities to share how this program is being implemented in our schools.

### **Consultation on Best Practices Guide**

Amanda reviewed the draft best practices project with the group and is looking for feedback. Topics such as Education Services Agreements, Indigenous Advisory Circles, FNAC, knowledge of the territories, restorative practices, language revitalization, and terminology were outlined. It was further suggested adding community and links to political organizations. This will come back to FNAC for additional input once it is in a more complete format.

#### **5.1 First Nation Updates**

The group discussed a Health Canada presentation where First Nations are encouraged to bring cases forward to them in order to get services out to their areas.

Shawanaga is looking forward to the next FNAC meeting being held at their location. Chief and Council hope to attend this meeting.

Wasauksing is happy to hear all of the exciting projects going on within our schools.

**NEXT MEETING:** February 22, 2017 - Shawanaga First Nation