



REPORT

***First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Education
Advisory Committee***

- *Minutes of the First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Education Advisory Committee meeting May 11, 2015.*



First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Education Advisory Committee Minutes
Education Centre
May 11, 2015 – 12:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Tracy Jensen, United Native Friendship Centre; Earl Klyne, Trustee; Chantele Gouliquer, Student Representative-AHS (videoconference)

STAFF PRESENT: Donna Chief, Aboriginal Education Leader; Dan Bird, Vice-Principal, Fort Frances High School; Donna Kowalski, Vice-Principal, Robert Moore School; Nancy Taggart, Recording Secretary

GUEST: Dianne Thompson, System Principal

REGRETS: Heather Campbell, Director of Education; Dan Mack, Principal, Crossroads School; Brent Tookenay, Seven Generations; Wanda Botsford, Métis Nation of Ontario; Erika Cochrane, Student Representative-FFHS; Jen Leishman, SWST-Aboriginal Learner Focus

1. **Call to order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Tracy Jensen, at 12:25 p.m.

2. **Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**

There was no conflict of interest disclosed.

3. **Approval of agenda**

The agenda was approved as circulated.

4. **Confirmation of Minutes**

The minutes from March 9, 2015 were reviewed.

5. **Business Arising from Minutes**

a) Budget Recommendation Letter

The Committee reviewed the budget recommendation letter dated April 7, 2015, that was sent to Laura Mills, Superintendent of Business.

6. **New Business**

a) Draft Honoraria Procedure

The Committee reviewed draft Procedure 8.26 Elders, Senators, Knowledge Keepers Honoraria. This procedure will set the level of honoraria for the elders, senators and



knowledge keepers.

b) Newsletter Items for Fall 2015

A list of the events that have taken place through the school year since the last issue of the newsletter, as well as events coming up before the end of June was handed out to the Committee. A few more suggestions were noted.

c) Summer Learning Program

Dianne Thompson explained the Summer Learning Program 2015 to the Committee. Changes to this year's program are that Early Years 2 to grade 5 will be part of the program. As well, the program will include numeracy and literacy at all sites. The program will run from July 6 to 17 for 5.25 hours per day at six locations, with two teachers at each. Student assessments will be done when the program starts as well as at its completion.

d) Upcoming/Past Events

The Aboriginal Education Leader summarized recent events that were supported through the Aboriginal Education Department, such as Festival du North Star; voluntary self-identification events at Big Island First Nation and Riverview/McCrosson-Tovell School; Quest for Knowledge at Couchiching First Nation and Elder Frank Montano instructed students at four schools in flute making. Also, seven students and two staff attended the Tim Horton's Leadership Camp in Parry Sound April 13 to 17. Aboriginal Awareness Week is happening at Fort Frances High School May 11 to 15 with a pow-wow on May 15.

7. **Correspondence**

e) United Native Friendship Centre Graduation Invitation

An invitation to the United Native Friendship Centre's Alternative Secondary School Program graduation ceremony being held on June 24, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at the Townshend Theatre was received. All Committee members are welcome. RSVP is requested by June 12, 2015 to Tracy Jensen or Roben Ogden or by emailing altd@jam21.net.

8. **Future Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 8, 2015 at 12:00 p.m.

9. The meeting adjourned at 12:58 p.m.