



REPORT

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

- *Minutes of the First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Education Advisory Committee meeting May 9, 2016.*



First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Education Advisory Committee Minutes
Education Centre
May 9, 2016 – 12:15 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Tracy Jensen, United Native Friendship Centre; Heather Campbell, Director of Education; Dan Bird, Vice-Principal, Fort Frances High School; Angela Mainville, Indigenous Education Leader; Bob Kowal, Indigenous Education Leader; Barbe Dennis, Mine Centre School; Dianne McCormack, Trustee (teleconference); Austin Jack, Student Representative-RRHS (videoconference)

STAFF PRESENT: Nancy Taggart, Recording Secretary

REGRETS: Wanda Botsford, Métis Nation of Ontario; Brent Tookenay, Seven Generations; Mary Jane Kewakundo, Gizhewaadiziwin Health Access Centre; Shanese Jordan, Student Representative-FFHS;

1. **Call to order**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair Tracy Jensen at 12:16 p.m.

2. **Approval of agenda**

The agenda was approved as circulated.

3. **Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**

There was no conflict of interest disclosed.

4. **Confirmation of Minutes**

The minutes of the FNMI Education Advisory Committee meeting held on April 11, 2016 were approved as circulated.

5. **Business Arising from Minutes**

a) Draft Policy First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Staff Voluntary Self-Identification

The Director explained that the Policy Committee recommended that this policy be combined with Policy 4.60, First Nation, Metis, and Inuit Student Voluntary Self-Identification. There were no objections. There was one suggestion to clarify the meaning of “significant” from the Ministry statement regarding “a significant increase in the number of First Nation, Métis, and Inuit teaching and non-teaching staff in school boards across Ontario.”



b) Next Steps for First Nation, Metis, and Inuit Education Framework

The Committee discussed the information provided in the package from the Métis Nation of Ontario.

Suggestions for future FNMI Framework focuses include:

- Promoting well-being
- Increasing self-identification
- Implementing the Residential School curriculum for Grades 7 and 8
- Continuing the Aboriginal Cultural Competency sessions for all educators

The Director of Education will also invite the Student Senate to provide input. The Committee will revisit suggestions for 2016-17 at the next meeting.

6. **New Business**

a) Newsletter Items for Fall 2016

The Committee discussed and noted events that have taken place over the year to be included in the fall newsletter. Dianne McCormack suggested that the newsletter also introduce Bob Kowal and Angela Mainville. Suggestions can be emailed to Heather Campbell or Darlene Madill. A draft of the newsletter will be provided for review at the September meeting.

7. **Correspondence**

a) Final Budget Recommendation Letter

The final budget recommendation letter for 2016-17 from the Committee to the Superintendent of Business was provided for information purposes only.

b) Response Letter from Liz Sandals, Minister of Education

A letter was received from the Minister of Education in response to the letter dated December 14, 2015 that the Committee sent to the Minister regarding Indigenous learning opportunities and curriculum within Ontario classrooms.

There was a discussion about some of the Native Studies courses which are currently offered at our schools and the option to make Grade 11 English: Contemporary Aboriginal Voices a compulsory Grade 11 English requirement.

c) Stakeholder Input on Board Policy Memo

The Committee received a memo from the Policy Committee regarding stakeholders' input on

Heather Campbell
Director of Education



Dianne McCormack
Chair

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Board Policy 5.51 Assessment, Evaluation, and Reporting. The Committee was asked to forward any comments in writing to Sandra Ward, Executive Assistant to the Director, by Monday, May 30, 2016.

8. Future Meeting Dates

Future meeting dates will be at 12:15 p.m. on the following dates:

Monday, June 13, 2016

9. The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.