



REPORT

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

- *Minutes of the First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Education Advisory Committee meeting September 12, 2016.*



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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Tracy Jensen, United Native Friendship Centre; Heather Campbell, Director of Education; Wanda Botsford, Métis Nation of Ontario; Dan Bird, Vice-Principal, Fort Frances High School; Angela Mainville, Indigenous Education Leader; Bob Kowal, Indigenous Education Leader; Will Windigo, Trustee (teleconference); Sarah Vandermeer, Student Representative-FFHS; Shawnte Anderson, Student Representative-RRHS (videoconference)

GUESTS: Pam King, Student Work Study Teacher; Jason Jones, Ojibwe Language Coordinator

STAFF PRESENT: Nancy Taggart, Recording Secretary

REGRETS: Dorothy Friday, Gzhewaadiziwin Health Access Centre; Brent Tookenay, Seven Generations

1. Call to order and introductions

The meeting was called to order by the Chair Tracy Jensen at 12:16 p.m. Introductions of the Committee were made. Shawnte Anderson and Sarah Vandermeer were welcomed as the student representatives from Atikokan High School and Fort Frances High School, respectively.

2. Approval of agenda

A motion to approve the agenda as circulated was moved by Dan Bird and seconded by Angela Mainville.

3. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

There was no conflict of interest disclosed.

4. Confirmation of Minutes

Approval of the minutes of the FNMI Education Advisory Committee meeting held on June 13, 2016 was motioned by Bob Kowal and seconded by Dan Bird.

5. Business Arising from Minutes

a) Next Steps for First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Education Framework

The Director of Education provided the Committee with a summary of her report to the Committee on the First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Education Plan for 2015-16, and the activities that are anticipated to continue for the 2016-17 school year. Discussion took place on the activities and programming supports that are being implemented, and the recommendations



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from the Métis Nation of Ontario. The following ideas were noted:

- Self-identification, of both students and staff, will be a focus this year.
- The development of a localized curriculum within Social Studies/History curricula will be ongoing.
- It is hoped that Cultural Competency sessions can be continued.
- Math for Young Children is continuing.
- The Family Nights that have been funded through the Parents Reaching Out grants will focus on well-being or math this year, with a goal of involving all communities and partners.

As well, there has been a Resource Study Group created for educators that will begin meeting in late September. They will be using the book “Stolen Lives: The Indigenous Peoples of Canada and The Indian Residential Schools” as their primary resource. Following is the link to this resource: <https://www.facinghistory.org/books-borrowing/stolen-lives-indigenous-peoples-canada-and-indian-residential-schools>

The Committee was asked to forward any further suggestions to the Director prior to the submission of the final plan on September 30, 2016. The completed plan will be brought back for the Committee’s information in October.

6. **New Business**

There was no new business to report.

7. **Correspondence**

a) Stakeholder Input on Board Policy Memo

The Committee received a memo from the Policy Committee regarding stakeholders’ input on Board Policy 3.04 Succession Planning. The Committee was asked to forward any comments in writing to Sandra Ward, Executive Assistant to the Director, by Monday, September 26, 2016.

8. **Future Meeting Dates**

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

- Monday, October 17, 2016
- Monday, November 7, 2016
- Monday, December 12, 2016
- Monday, February 13, 2017
- Monday, March 6, 2017
- Monday, April 10, 2017
- Monday, May 8, 2017



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Monday, June 12, 2017

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