

## ***SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD***



### **Mission Statement**

*In partnership with the students, the home and the community,  
Superior-Greenstone District School Board will address  
individual students' needs by providing:*

- ❖ *a diverse education that prepares for and honours their chosen path for success,*
- ❖ *avenues that foster a love of learning, and*
- ❖ *the means to honour varied learning styles.*

### **Native Education Advisory Committee**

Friday, January 23, 2009 — 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

### **Informational Notes**

Designated Site: Schreiber Public School - Library

Chair: Cindy Fisher

Director: Patti Pella

Note: A light lunch will be served at approximately 11:30 a.m.

### **1.0 Roll Call**

<i>Attendance Mode: On-site (OS); Teleconference (TC); Videoconference (VC); Absent (A); Regrets (R)</i>												
<b>First Nation Members</b>	OS	TC	VC	A	R	<b>Trustees</b>	OS	TC	VC	A	R	
Auger, Valerie	X					Bartlett, Bette					X	
Belleau, Celine	X					Fisher, Cindy	X					
Desmoulin, Jeff						Mannisto, Mark					X	
Ferris, Joanne						Notwell, Kathryn	X					
Lesperance Valda												
Misner, Robert						<b>Board Administration</b>	OS	TC	VC	A	R	
Millard, Judy						Chaboyer, Melanie					X	
Panamick, Edna						Pella, Patti	X					
Sabourin, Faye						Kappel, Colleen	X					
Taggart, Rachel						Morden-Cormier, Nicole					X	
Thompson, Xavier	X					Newton, Valerie	X					
Wilson Earl						Willcocks, Barb	X					

### **1.0 Welcome**

Chair Cindy Fisher began the meeting with a blessing and welcomed the group.

### **2.0 Approve Minutes: June 6, 2008**

#### **2.1 Review and Adopt NEAC Minutes**

*Moved by: Celine Belleau*

*Seconded by: Xavier Thompson*

*Resolved that, the minutes from NEAC Meeting dated June 6, 2008 be and are hereby adopted with corrections to Items 3.3 and 3.6.*

### **3.0 Information**

#### **3.1 Implementing First Nation, Metis & Inuit Policy Framework**

Colleen Kappel welcomed, thanked and introduced Barb Willcocks who has taken over the Aboriginal Lead for the Board, replacing Nicole Morden-Cormier.

- B. Willcocks reviewed the work done with Turtle Concepts last year. The students either applied or were encouraged to attend the workshop. Students' surveys done after the workshops indicate that the event had a positive impact on the level of trust students felt and helped with self-esteem issues. Students would like a follow up session, identifying community issues such as high drug/alcohol abuse. Given the survey and the anecdotal comments were consistent, initiatives are planned for this year. With the objective of improving success for students and the sustainability of student leadership, three more Turtles Concept retreats are planned (Geraldton, Terrace Bay and Marathon areas) and all secondary students will have access.
- Cultural awareness is important and resource kits are in every school. Teachers want to bring the culture into the classroom but they also are unsure or get nervous. Pamela Toulouse of Laurentian University will work a group of our teachers. Her expertise is in Aboriginal Student Success, History of Aboriginal Education, Differentiated Instruction and Assessment, Inclusive and Equitable Classrooms. She will model teaching using resources we have in our system. This is scheduled the week of April 20, 2009.
- In June 2008 there was a session at Negahneewin College with an overview of the curriculum and opportunities for embedding cultural teachings.
- David Bouchard is coming, invitations will go out to all of our partners. He will be doing some evening sessions with parents as well.
- Media campaign to highlight all of these great initiatives will happen. There will be a specific campaign for the Turtles project.
- Colleen talked about the importance of Self Identification in order to assess how effectively we are supporting student learning.

#### **3.2 Partnership with INAC**

Celine will forward information out. Cindy will look at the grant application and work with Colleen and Barb to put forward a proposal.

#### **3.3 Tuition Payments**

Need to be caught up. Cindy would like to review tuition agreements together. We are looking for a similar set up.

### **4.0 Open Forum: Q & A**

No comments were made at this time.

### **5.0 Items for the Next Meeting**

#### **6.0 Next Meeting Date**

Friday, April 24, 2009 , Location: Geraldton

#### **7.0 Adjournment**

*Moved by: Xavier Thompson*

*Seconded by: Celine Belleau*

*Resolved that, the NEAC Meeting be adjourned at 1:30 p.m.*