

SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD



Our Mission: "Inspiring our students to succeed and make a difference"
Our Vision: "We are leaders in providing quality learning experiences in our small school communities"
Our Values: "Caring, Fairness, Empathy, Responsibility, Honesty, Resilience, Respect, Perseverance and Innovation"
Our Motto: "Small schools make a difference"

Native Education Advisory Committee

Monday, October 29, 2012 – 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Designated Site: Nipigon-Red Rock District High School, Videoconference Room, Red Rock, ON

Chair: Cindy Fisher (absent)

Designate Chair: David Tamblyn

Director: David Tamblyn

1.0 Roll Call

Attendance: On-site (OS); Teleconference (TC); Videoconference (VC); Absent (A); Regrets (R)											
First Nation Members	OS	TC	VC	A	R	First Nation Members	OS	TC	VC	A	R
(Aroland) Sonny Gagnon (Chief)						(Red Rock) Arlene Wawia (Chief)					
(Aroland) Iris Daca						(Red Rock) Judy Wawia	X				
(Ginoogaming) Cecilia Echum (Chief)						(Red Rock) Emily Thompson					
(Ginoogaming) Georgette O'Nabigon						(White Sands) Allen Gustafson (Chief)					
(Ginoogaming) Joanne Ferris											
(Long Lake #58) Veronica Waboose (Chief)						Trustees					
(Lake Nipigon) Yvette Metansinine (Chief)						Bette Bartlett					
(Lake Nipigon) Judy Manning		X				Cindy Brown		X			
(Pic Mobert) Johanna Desmoulin (Chief)						Cindy Fisher					
(Pic Mobert) Jackie Craig						Fred Simonaitis (Alternate)		x			
(Pic Mobert) Chris Bananish, Sr.						Pinky McRae (Ex Officio)					
(Pic Mobert) Marlene Sabourin											
(Pays Plat) Xavier Thompson (Chief)						Board Administration					
(Pays Plat) Valerie Auger	X					Dave Tamblyn	X				
(Pic Heron Bay) Roy Michano (Chief)	X					Nancy Petrick	X				
(Pic Heron Bay) Liz Michano	X					Barbara Willcocks	X				
(Pic Heron Bay) Cindy Fisher				X							
(Rocky Bay) Velda Lesperance (Chief)	X										
(Rocky Bay) Malvina Echum	X										

2.0 Blessing and Welcome

No one to stepped forward for blessing

3.0 Approval of Minutes and Agenda

Approved by Judy Manning
Seconded by Cindy Brown

4.0 Business Arising from Minutes

Nil

5.0 Discussion Topics

5.1 Self-Identification Policy

(B. Willcocks)

Nancy and Barb did visits with many of our communities and spoke to them regarding this policy
One change was made during our visits was to remove the Aboriginal Ancestry from the "policy section"
Once approved today policy goes to Policy Review Committee and then it becomes accepted and will then be followed.

Pamphlet – content

Drafts of pamphlet to go out to members via email to have comments made

Presentation to council – Pic River, Will let council know

Data, can this be shared? Yes, we believe we are able to share this information with the communities as long as it does not identify the students, therefore in some areas this data may be suppressed and therefore it would be released in more general terms.

Pic River Council – Barb to send possible dates to for community meeting

Once Nancy and Barb have met with Pic River we will call another meeting to vote on this self-identification policy

Bring request to this committee should you wish to have further information

5.2 Update from Aboriginal Leads Meeting: October 19, 2012

(B. Willcocks)

Ministry has not as of yet made any decision with our proposals

Barb outline the 4 proposals that have gone to the ministry

Survey going to board – Yvonne Morrission will meet with Board regarding this survey

Regional studies/Native Language conference this year – not sure if it will occur this year

Increase with Native Studies program – funding increase

New text books for Native Studies have been distributed and are now also in French

Goal of toolkit woven across the curriculum – Board is working on an implementation plan

Professional Development that occurred with First Nation schools – we cannot send our teachers to this conference, although we would have paid –

e-learning courses and accesses to the Ontario curriculum resource bank – now extended to the First Nation Schools (Federal Schools)

Yvonne Morrission has asked that we update her on the status of the first Nation self Id Policy

Chris McLeod = will do presentation on Metis to this committee

Metis kit is also available – focus is on elementary students

We will be purchasing some of these resources

Native Language/Native Study Symposium

- This year are looking at a two day workshop
- Day 1 – Senior administration (tuition agreements)
- Day 2 – focus on Teachers
- Much discussion on perhaps increasing to 3 days (two days for teachers)
- Yvonne will also welcome an invitation to join our NEAC meeting.

Rhonda Le Clair – another presentation

- Shannon Thunder Bird – will be coming to our area in the spring
- Presentation around medicine wheel
- Barb will contact most communities so that what she is presenting is representative of our community cultures
- Extension to communities to attend
- Dates: April 29 – May 2 or May 13 – 17 possible dates with our schools

Summer Program Presentation

- Questions
- Matt Lawrence to contact Judy Manning

6.0 Open Forum / Q & A

- *Improve the number of meetings per year*
- *Would like to see improvement in movement within these meetings (perhaps every 2 months)*
 - *Meetings to be more often and have more direction with committee members*
 - *Could look at one meeting/month and once we get going perhaps look at bi-monthly*
 - *Set dates for the future meetings*
 - *Novmeber 23*
 - *January 18*
 - *February 15*
 - *April 19*
 - *May 17*

Barb to extend invitation to Yvonne Morrission and Carol-Lynn Oldale to our next meeting

Judy – First Nation how ill prepared to transition to high school or into the next step to their

- *One year program (Keewatin-Patricia) for grade 8 students into grade 9*
- *Lakehead University Program – having a scholarship program and identifying these students at an early age to start putting monies aside for them to attend in the future*
- *Incorporate a call for agenda items to be sent if need be at least one week prior to meeting.*

David

- *to ask Cathy Tsubouchi if she will come to provide a presentation on funding.*
- *shared with Pic River, our thanks for the support the community gave to our students after such a tragedy.*

7.0 Future Meeting Agenda Items

- *Include future meeting dates and locations*
- *If agenda items are to be added please forward items a week prior to the meeting date to Rose-Marie Joannette*

8.0 Next Meeting Date

- *November 23, 2012 @ 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.*

9.0 Adjournment

Moved by: C. Brown

Second by: F. Simonaitis

Resolved that, the NEAC Meeting on October 29, 2012 be adjourned at 11:45 a.m.