

**SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**



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**Native Education Advisory Committee**

Friday, February 15, 2013 – 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**A G E N D A**

Designated Site: George O'Neill Public School, 124 Bell Street, Nipigon, ON

Chair: To be determined

Note: A light lunch will be served  
**George O'Neill is a Peanut Free Zone**

Director: David Tamblyn

**1.0 Roll Call**

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

**2.0 Welcome**

(B Willcocks)

**3.0 Approval of Minutes and Agenda**

Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Second by: \_\_\_\_\_

(Attached)

Resolved that, the NEAC Meeting minutes of January 18, 2013 be approved.

**4.0 Business Arising from Minutes**

**5.0 Presentation**

Audrey Gilbeau: Director of Nokiiwin Tribal Council

*(On-Site Presentation)*

**6.0 Discussion Topics**

6.1 First Nation Trustee Vacancy

*(D. Tamblyn)*

**7.0 Open Forum / Q & A**

**8.0 Future Meeting Agenda Items**

**9.0 Next Meeting Dates (2013)**

Friday, April 19

Friday, May 17

**10.0 Adjournment**

Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Second by: \_\_\_\_\_

Resolved that, the NEAC Meeting on February 15, 2013 adjourn at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

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**MINUTES**

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(Pays Plat) Valerie Auger	X					Dave Tamblyn	X				
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(Pic Heron Bay) Liz Michano					X	Barbara Willcocks	X				
(Pic Heron Bay) Duncan Michano	X					<b>Guest</b>					
(Pic Heron Bay) Cindy Fisher						Yvonne Morrison: Aboriginal					
(Rocky Bay) Velda Lesperance (Chief)	x					Education Officer (MOET)					X

**2.0 Welcome**

*(B Willcocks)*

- Welcome to School
- Just a reminder to all committee members George O'Neill is a nut safe building

**3.0 Approval of Minutes and Agenda**

Moved by: Yvette Metansinine Second by: Melvina Echum

Resolved that, the NEAC Meeting minutes of October 29, 2012 be approved. *(Attached)*

- Changes to the order of the agenda were approved to accommodate discussion prior to some members having to leave.

#### **4.0 Business Arising from Minutes**

#### **5.0 Discussion Topics**

##### **5.1 Policy 527: Voluntary Aboriginal Student Self-Identification (B. Willcocks- Attached)**

- Barb outlined our process that took place in delivering Self – Identification policy changes to our communities.
- Policy now goes to policy review committee (process was outlined)
- There continues to be an issue of trust in our communities.
- Once policy is in place the parents will still have the choice to Self-Identify
- Board needs to continue to communicate to parents & communities the benefits of Self – Identifying their children
- There is a perception in some communities that by self-identifying, it may have a negative impact on the student. Discussion as to how can we change this perception took place.
- Increase awareness amongst our school staff and frontline workers regarding the policy,
- There was also discussion regarding attendance at special events, further communication is required as to who attends these events.
- March – career exploration (mining etc.) taking place in Thunder Bay, will let Principals aware of increasing the number of first nation students taking part in these areas.
- Can there be consideration for FN children in every school regardless of what class they are in? (Barb provided a scenario that explained why sometimes the student who is not in the class may not be available for them to attend).
- Can we ensure programs are distributed among all of our schools that have FN students?
- Funding for FN education is changing both provincially and federally, how can self – id benefit this change
- Explanation of what Tuition agreements pay for and how self – id can assist in increasing “special funding”.
- Can a Q & A be put together to explain the benefits of Voluntary Self-ID? SGDSB will update pamphlet
- GCHS – can we bring all FN students into the gym along with parents for a presentation, chief in council, (can this occur prior to the end of June)
- Shannon Thunder Bird will be visiting all schools in the spring (reflect each communities values), First Nation schools are also invited to come.
- Barb to be in contact with each educational lead of the community to ensure Shannon Thunder Bird’s presentation will align with values and beliefs of the community.
- Dave, indicated he would like members to bring forth suggestions to this committee.
- Regional meeting to take part(Robinson Superior area)

##### **5.2 Aboriginal Programs Proposals 2012-13 (B. Willcocks)**

- Barb updated group with 2012 – 2013 funding
- Self-identification
- Pamphlet, resources, money allocated staff release (Elders, etc.)
- \$8,700.00 has been provided to SGDSB through Self-Identification initiative
- To be spent by May
- Attendance and Student Achievement
- Research – Principals and teachers (\$22,000.00) understanding component
- NOEL compass for success, compare attendance data (Robert Dunn and Steven Katz)
- Data will be used and studied for SIPSA/BIPSA
- Achievement and attendance and how it correlates to achievement success
- Strategies and monitoring cycles
- Teachers and principals will be trained on how to use this data
- NRRHDS - \$13,400 Pilot project

- 5.3 Aboriginal Tool Kit
- \$8,7000.00
  - Did not receive \$ for project build for our summer coop students.
- 5.4 River of Life: Youth at Risk Program *(B. Willcocks)*  
<http://www.riveroflifeprogram.ca/>
- First National Online Suicide Prevention Certificate Course
  - designed by FN communities
  - small cost - \$400.00 (cost of course per person – train one or two people within the community).
  - Would like to explore this program further with administrators.
- 5.5 Request for Discussion re Outdoor Education in High School *(B. Willcocks)*
- Like to see outdoor ed program in all of our high schools with a focus both FN students and none FN students
  - One avenue would be Natural Resource Dual Credit
  - Can bring this to Principal program for further discussion
  - Dual credit was explained
  - Manitouwadge program is a (specialist high skilled major – SHSM)
  - \$20,000.00 for Outdoor program – as been used to cover cost of those who are not able to afford to go.
- 5.6 Request for Update on Board Amalgamation *(D. Tamblyn)*
- Dave gave update
  - Board Amalgamation has been “postponed” until further notice from the Ministry.
  - Concern – with amalgamation what would the
- 5.7 First Nation Board Trustee Vacancy *(D. Tamblyn)*
- Letter went to all chiefs in council letting them know of the vacancy
  - Many calls but nothing concrete
  - Treating meeting with all Robinson Superior Area – will speak about this at this time as they will have all 13 Chiefs together (January 29th)
  - Large area to be represented by only one trustee?
  - Concern – trustee on the board representing First Nation must be from an area that has Tuition agreements with SGDSB
  - Focus will now be:
  - high school level education
  - trustee to be representative on board
  - Invitation was extended by Pinky to have concerns/questions sent to Pinky by any First Nations
  - Education at the federal level - crisis
- 5.8 Terms of Reference
- Item to be deferred
  - Came from NEAC planning session in the spring
  - This information was also included in SGDSB
- 5.9 Metis Aboriginal Kits
- Purchased kits, they have arrived will be distributed shortly.

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**9.0 Adjournment**

*Moved by: Judy Wawia*

*Second by: Val Auger*

*Resolved that, the NEAC Meeting on January 18, 2013 adjourn at 12:15 p.m.*