

REPORT OF THE FIRST NATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FNAC) MEETING

2018 April 17
3:07 p.m. to 4:52 p.m.

MEMBERS

P. Schuyler, Chair
J. Bennett, Trustee
B. McKinnon Trustee
B. Antone, Oneida Nation of the Thames
B. Summers, Oneida Nation of the Thames
S. Smith, Oneida Nation of the Thames
O. Correia, Munsee-Delaware Nation
C. Kechego, Chippewas of the Thames

Regrets:

F. Huff, Chippewas of the Thames
M. Fisher, Munsee-Delaware Nation
L. Williams, Principal, Lambeth P.S.

ADMINISTRATION AND OTHERS

B. Nielsen, Superintendent Delegate/FNMI Learning Supervisor
S. McGahey-Albert, FNMI Education Advisor
C. Camillio, FNMI Learning Coordinator
M. Ferdinand, Coordinator of School Counsel
C. Sanders, FNMI Teacher on Special Assignment
V. Jones, Vice-Principal, B. Davison S.S.
M. McKibbin, Vice-Principal, H. B. Beal S.S.
B. White, Principal, Saunders S.S.
S. Chams, Vice-Principal, Saunders S.S.
D. Clarke, Principal, S.D.C.I (+3 :30)
P. Spicer, Principal, Delaware Central P.S.
B. Keast, Corporate Services
T. Kennedy, Student Trustee

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting convened at 3:07 p.m. at B. Davison Secondary School, London.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved on motion.

3. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – none declared

4. REPORT OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING- 2017 MARCH 20 – provided for information.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

a. Transportation – Summer Literacy Camps (item #7.a)

B. Nielsen reported a budget initiative may be required. Additional information and next steps will be provided after registration for the Summer Literacy Camps has concluded.

b. Capacity Building Sessions (item #7.c)

C. Camillo reported two Lunch and Learn sessions have occurred. In March, the Healing Journey video was viewed. In April, Cheryl Riley attended to share her residential school experience. C. Camillo reported the next session is scheduled for May 9. Participants will discuss the novel *Seven Fallen Feathers*. Participants attending the June session will discuss the Board Action Plan.

6. PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

a. B. Davison Secondary School – Discussed under Principals Update (item #9.d)

7. LEARNING SUPPORT SERVICES UPDATE

a. Board Action Plan (BAP) Update (Standing Item)

i. Student Success Support and Intervention

B. Nielsen reviewed the slide-deck provided in the agenda package. He highlighted current initiatives that support First Nations student success including ReThink Secondary Learning, Education Advocates, and communication with community education offices. Next steps and connections between the Board Action Plan and supporting First Nations Students were noted.

The committee participated in group discussion on the following topics:

- Student success in-service meeting scheduled for 23 May 2018
- Organizing effective/relevant team meetings to support First Nations students

- Strategies for effective collaboration between schools and communities to support student well-being and achievement
- Improving support for students in First Nation communities

Feedback from the group discussion was collected by B. Nielsen.

ii. TRC Curriculum in Service

C. Camillio reported curriculum revisions will be provided to schools this spring. A significant change to the curriculum is the Indigenous content. Curriculum training for Grades 7, 8 and 10 history teachers will begin on Friday.

iii. Native Studies 2018-2019

C. Camillio reported during the 2017-2018 school year, 10 schools offered Native Studies courses. In 2018-2019, 17 schools will be offering Native Studies courses. These courses are open for both Indigenous and Non-Indigenous students.

b. H. B. Beal Graduation Coach Report

B. Nielsen reported the Graduation Coach initiative is Ministry funded. Recently, the Ministry announced the funding will continue for the 2018-2019 school year. B. Nielsen introduced C. Sanders to present the H. B. Beal Graduation Coach Report.

C. Sanders reviewed the slide-deck highlighting the role and responsibilities of a graduation coach. C. Sanders responded to questions of clarification.

c. Native Language Program Updates, Summer School

C. Camillo reported the Oneida language carousel is scheduled for Friday, May 4, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. An Ojibwa language carousel is planned later in the school year and will be offered in collaboration with Antler River Elementary School, Standing Stone Elementary School, Saunders Secondary School and community partners.

8. SCHOOL COUNSELLING AND SOCIAL WORK SERVICES UPDATE (Standing Item)

M. Ferdinand reported the position of First Nations, Metis and Inuit Counsellor is currently vacant and will be re-posted shortly.

9. PRINCIPALS' UPDATE (Standing Item)

a. Lambeth P.S.

Discussed under item #9.b

b. Delaware Central Public School

P. Spicer reported monthly transition meetings take place at Lambeth P.S. with Standing Stone Elementary School and Delaware Central P.S. P. Spicer noted Environmental Education Learning Coordinator E. Mutch recently attended a meeting to discuss the possibility of expanding the outdoor education opportunities to support student transitions. P. Spicer shared information regarding a potential partnership with a Y Camp that may incorporate multi-disciplinary, land-based and environmental learning. Additional information will be shared as it is available.

c. H.B. Beal Secondary School

M. McKibbin highlighted past and upcoming student activities and reported student are currently fundraising to support ongoing leadership opportunities.

d. B. Davison Secondary School

V. Jones reported the theme at B. Davison in April is "Connecting Communities". School staff recently attended Standing Stone Elementary School to connect with parents/guardians students planning to attend B Davison. The Community Garden initiative was highlighted.

e. Saunders Secondary School

S. Chams highlighted past and upcoming student activities and cultural initiatives. S. Chams reported the Oneida Language Carousel is scheduled to take place at the end of April or in early May. In addition the technology department is planning a new building project for the communities and the Bridging Group is planning ideas and events to welcome incoming Grade 9 students.

f. Strathroy District Collegiate Institute

D. Clarke highlighted upcoming events and cultural initiatives and reported the SST team is discussing student challenges and strategies and working to re-engage students.

10. COMMUNITY UPDATE (Standing Item)

a. Chippewas of the Thames First Nation

C. Kechego highlighted upcoming events that focus on learning the Ojibwa language and reported Tuition Agreement discussions are still ongoing.

b. Munsee-Delaware Nation

O. Correia reported the elections at Munsee-Delaware have concluded. The results of the election were shared. He noted M. Fisher was elected as Head Councillor and as a result may be unable to attend future committee meetings. O. Correia noted the importance of offering drug awareness workshops.

c. Oneida Nation of the Thames

B. Summers reported Tuition Agreement discussions are ongoing. B. Summers requested the Terms of Reference document for the Committee be added to the May agenda for discussion and review.

11. ADDITIONAL ITEMS - none

12. FUTURE MEETING DATES

All meetings will start at 3:00 p.m.

Date	Location
Tuesday, 2018 May 15	Strathroy District Collegiate Institute
Tuesday, 2018 June 19	Munsee-Delaware Nation

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m. by motion.

Recommendations: None

P. Schuyler
Committee Chair