

## REPORT OF THE FIRST NATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FNAC) MEETING

2018 November 20  
3:08 p.m. to 4:28 p.m.

### MEMBERS

P. Schuyler, Chair  
B. McKinnon, Trustee  
J. Bennett, Trustee  
F. Huff, Chippewas of the Thames (+3:10)  
B. Summers, Oneida Nation of the Thames  
O. Correia, Munsee-Delaware Nation

**Regrets:** M. Fisher, E. Young

### ADMINISTRATION AND OTHERS

P. McKenzie, Superintendent of Student Achievement  
B. Nielsen, FNMI Learning Supervisor  
I. Frick, Student Trustee (+3:37)  
S. McGahey-Albert, FNMI Education Advisor  
C. Sanders, FNMI TOSA – Secondary (-3:33)  
S. Folino, Research and Assessment  
V. Jones, Principal, B. Davison S.S.  
P. Spicer, Principal, Delaware Central P.S. (+3:20)  
T. Langelaan, Principal, H.B. Beal Secondary School  
J. Richmond, Principal, Lambeth P.S.  
B. White, Principal, Saunders S.S.  
L. Cribbs, Principal, S.D. C. I  
S. Smith, Corporate Services

**Guests:** K. Huff, Former Student (+3:10)

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting convened at 3:08 p.m. at H. B. Beal Secondary School, London.

### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved on motion.

### 3. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None declared.

### 4. REPORT OF MEETING- 2018 October 16

The minutes of the 2018 October 16 meeting were provided for information.

### 5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None.

### 6. PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

#### a. H.B. Beal First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Student Success Program, Dedicated Space

The committee toured the First Nations, Metis and Inuit (FNMI) Dedicated Space where C. Sanders outlined the various uses for the space including: offering meals, 4<sup>th</sup> R, lunch and learn, smudging, homework and breaks between classes. Potential future uses for the space were highlighted. It was noted the space has created volunteer hours for students. It was also noted that the dedicated space has created a safe space, resulting in an increase of students self-identifying.

### 7. LEARNING SUPPORT SERVICES UPDATE

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

S. McGahey-Albert and P. McKenzie reported the Board Action Plan is in the final stage of updates and will be reviewed later this month; a copy will be provided to FNAC in 2019.

#### b. Student Trustee Update/Initiative

I. Frick shared plans for the Student Advisory Council to host a student conference for indigenous, self-identified females within Thames Valley. It was noted the focus of the conference will be indigenous traditions and female empowerment. I. Frick outlined the planned itinerary for the conference, noting the target date for the conference is 2019 March. I. Frick requested feedback from the committee as the conference is still in the planning stages. Suggestions were

captured by I. Frick. The committee members were invited to send additional feedback to I. Frick by email/phone.

Changes have been proposed to merge the Student Indigenous Elections, with existing Student Council Elections. Currently the elections are held on two separate days. It was noted the voting structure/elements, ballot process and debate are same in both elections. The Indigenous Election includes traditional components. S. McGahey-Albert outlined the First Nations Student Election process for the committee.

I. Frick requested feedback from the committee to help develop the role of Student Trustee, as this is the second year the Indigenous Student Trustee position has been in place and it is still developing.

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

P. McKenzie reported the FNMI Counsellor interviews occurred last week. Applicants are being reviewed and an announcement will be made when a candidate has been selected.

#### **9. PRINCIPALS' UPDATE (Standing Item)**

Principals, attending the meeting, referred to the written reports provided to committee members in their agenda packages. Initiatives, event and programming were highlighted.

#### **10. COMMUNITY UPDATE (Standing Item)**

##### **a. Chippewas of the Thames First Nation**

F. Huff provided an update on the Chippewas of the Thames Nation, noting they are currently developing language and culture changes in their education system. Discussion occurred around involving School Within a College (SWAC) at Chippewas of the Thames First Nations.

F. Huff thanked P. McKenzie for his work noting the progress FNAC has made under his leadership.

##### **b. Munsee-Delaware Nation**

O. Correia reported that during a meeting on 2018 November 7 with T. Smith at Munsee-Delaware, a number of students were identified as ideal candidates to participate in the SWAC program. He commended P. McKenzie on his comprehension of the needs of FNAC and FNMI students.

##### **c. Oneida Nation of the Thames**

B. Summers noted a new Trustee will be appointed soon, interviews are in progress. She also noted Standing Stone School is in the progress of appointing a new Principal. It was noted a signed Tuition Agreement will be completed by the end of the year. B. Summers outlined items Oneida would like to bring forward to FNAC in 2019.

#### **11. ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

B. Nielsen appreciated P. Schuyler for the leadership he has brought to the committee, and P. McKenzie for his leadership in developing the work of the committee.

The Trustee appointment process for FNAC was discussed. Questions of clarification were answered by B. Summers.

P. McKenzie thanked the committee for their time and efforts, during his tenure.

#### **12. FUTURE MEETING DATES**

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

Tuesday, January 15, 2019 (Saunders)

Tuesday, February 19, 2019 (Lambeth)

Tuesday, March 19, 2019 (Delaware Central)

Tuesday, April 16, 2019 (B. Davison)

Tuesday, May 21, 2019 (SDCI)  
Tuesday, June 18, 2019 (Munsee-Delaware)

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m. by motion.

**Recommendations:** None.

**P. Schuyler**  
Committee Chair