

REPORT OF THE FIRST NATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2019 April 16
3:08 p.m. - 4:18 p.m.

MEMBERS

B. McKinnon, Trustee
P. Cuddy, Trustee
B. Summers, Oneida Nation of the Thames
O. Correia, Munsee-Delaware Nation
U. Doxtator, Oneida Nation of the Thames
E. Young, Chippewas of the Thames

Regrets:

C. Doxtator, C. Antone, F. Huff

ADMINISTRATION AND OTHERS

C. Giannacopoulos, Superintendent of Student Achievement
B. Nielsen, FNMI Learning Supervisor
C. Camillio, FNMI Learning Coordinator of the Thames (Secondary)
S. McGahey-Albert, FNMI Education Advisor
M. Ferdinand, Manager School Counselling & Social Work
A. Moulton, Administrative, Professional & Support (-3:20)
V. Jones, Vice-Principal, B. Davison S.S.
P. Spicer, Principal, Delaware Central P.S.
T. Langelann, Principal, H.B. Beal S.S.
J. Richmond, Principal, Lambeth P.S.
N. Kechego, Student Representative Chippewas of the Thames
J. Patterson, Vice-Principal, Saunders S.S.
D. Clarke, Principal, S.D. C. I.
A. Marlowe, Diversity and Equity Coordinator
I. Frick, Student Trustee
S. Smith, Corporate Services
D. McGahey, Student (-3:36)
J. Bennett, Student (-3:36)

1. Call to Order

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

2. Confirmation of Agenda

The agenda was approved on motion. Item 7 was addressed first.

3. Conflicts of Interest

None declared.

4. Report of the Previous Meeting

The First Nations Advisory Committee Report of the 2019 March 19 meeting was provided for information.

a. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

5. Motion to Reinstate

The following motion was moved and carried:

THAT Evelyn Young be reinstated to the First Nations Advisory Committee.

It was noted that C. Doxtator has withdrawn from the committee.

6. Program Spotlight

a. B. Davison Secondary School

Student presenters D. McGahey and J. Bennett began the presentation by facilitating a smudge with the committee.

Through a power-point presentation D. McGahey and J. Bennett presented information on the FNMI supports at B. Davison Secondary School. They highlighted feedback from students reflecting the support and improvements students have made since attending B. Davison.

7. Learning Support Services Update

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

C. Camillo provided an update on the First Nation Advisory Committee Board Action Plan on Indigenous Education. A handout was provided.

B. Nielsen highlighted actions that have been taken to increase engagement and awareness.

S. McGahey-Albert outlined the student election process for Indigenous students noting the student election will be held 2019 May 2 at the Education Centre at 4 p.m. S. McGahey-Albert reported the election process focuses on integrating culture and tradition. Principals can submit one application per school for candidates. Each school may send one student delegate to vote, even if that school is not sending a candidate to run for Student Trustee.

I. Frick reported she will be the Master of Ceremonies for the Indigenous Student Elections noting the importance of sending representation. I. Frick reminded the committee each school can send one voting delegate and one candidate.

S. McGahey-Albert reported London has been awarded an Indigenous Child Care/ Family Centre on Hill Street. The Centre will be open for community engagement.

B. McKinnon spoke to the level of professional development the Student Trustees receive and the opportunity presented if selected.

C. Camillo noted the various ways to be involved with the student election through voting as delegates or part of delegate teams, even if their school isn't sending a representative.

b. Human Resources - Staffing Process

A. Moulton provided an updated on staffing for Elementary and Secondary schools, noting if the board cannot find a certified teacher that speaks the Oneida language, for example, the board can apply for a letter of permission.

Questions regarding collective agreements, the hiring process and obstacles to pursuing letters of permission were answered by Administration.

c. Cultural Fund Update

B. Nielsen presented information on the First Nations Cultural fund 2018-2019 Budget.

Questions of clarification regarding the breakdown of the budget were answered by B. Nielsen.

8. School Counselling and Social Work Services Update (Standing Item)

M. Ferdinand provided a staffing update on the FNMI counsellors noting there are currently four counsellors in place.

9. Principal Updates (Standing Item)

Principals/Vice Principals, attending the meeting, referred to the written reports provided to committee members. Initiatives, events and programming were highlighted.

10. Community Updates (Standing Item)

a. Chippewa of the Thames First Nation

N. Kechego provided an update on the student voice, school attendance and next steps for students with poor attendance.

N. Kechego reported on the success of March Break activities and the youth workshop hosting 25-30 students. Information was provided on the Early Childhood Education Annual Well Being Conference planned for in 2019 July, the 20th Anniversary at Antler River School and the Annual Children Pow-Wow on 2019 June 6.

E. Young reported Chippewa recently started the dual credit program through Adult SWAC.

b. Munsee-Delaware Nation

O. Correia reported issues with student behaviour on the bus to and from school.

Questions regarding isolation issues, the cost/options of a bus monitor were answered by O. Correia.

P. Cuddy will follow up with K. Lang on potential options.

c. Oneida Nation of the Thames

B. Summers outlined the priorities she is working on including: programs for community school, tutor needs, staffing, funding, the Early Learning project, and the Head Start program. B. Summers noted Oneida is hosting staff from the Education Centre visit on April 25.

Questions regarding Jordan's Principles were answered by Administration.

11. Other Business

B. Nielsen advised he is interviewing candidates tomorrow night for the grad coach position at S.D.C.I.

12. 2018-2019 Meeting Dates

Tuesday, May 21, 2019 3:00 p.m. (SDCI)

Tuesday, June 18, 2019 6:30 p.m. (Munsee-Delaware)

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m. by motion.

Recommendations:

THAT Evelyn Young be reinstated to the First Nations Advisory Committee.

B. McKinnon
CHAIRPERSON