

REPORT OF THE FIRST NATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 21, 2019
3:07 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

MEMBERS

C. Antone, Chair
B. McKinnon, Trustee
P. Cuddy, Trustee
B. Summers, Oneida Nation of the Thames
F. Huff, Chippewas of the Thames(+3:46)
O. Correia, Munsee-Delaware Nation

Regrets:

U. Doxtator, E. Young

ADMINISTRATION AND OTHERS

C. Giannacopoulos, Superintendent of Student Achievement
B. Nielsen, FNMI Learning Supervisor
C. Camillo, FNMI Learning Coordinator of the Thames (Secondary)
S. McGahey-Albert, FNMI Education Advisor
S. Folino, Research and Assessment
V. Jones, Vice-Principal, B. Davison S.S..
T. Langelaan, Vice-Principal, H.B. Beal Secondary School
J. Patterson, Vice-Principal, Saunders S.S.
D. Clarke, Principal, S.D. C. I
A. Marlowe, Diversity and Equity Coordinator
N. Peters, FNMI Lead, S.D.C.I. (-3:17)
S. Smith, Corporate Services

1. Call to Order

The meeting convened at 3:07 p.m. at Strathroy District Collegiate Institute, Strathroy.

2. Confirmation of Agenda

The agenda was approved, on motion.

3. Conflicts of Interest- None declared.

4. Report of the Previous Meeting

The First Nations Advisory Committee Report of the 2019 April 16 meeting was provided for information.

a. Business Arising from the Minutes- None.

5. A.C. Askew Native Bursary - C. Antone/ B. Nielsen

On motion the Committee recessed at 3:17 p.m., reconvening in session at 3:33 p.m.

Chair Antone reported that Oliva Thom was selected as the A.C Askew Bursary recipient, noting one of the applications was not considered as the application was incomplete and requested future applicants be assisted throughout the application process.

6. School Climate Survey Data - B. Nielsen

Deferred.

7. Program Spotlight

a. Strathroy District Collegiate Institute - D. Clarke

D. Clarke introduced N. Peters, First Nations Lead, S.D.C.I. N. Peters outlined the challenges and successes of the FNMI program at S.D.C.I.; population, attendance, building connections and parent meetings were highlighted.

N. Peters noted she teaches three FNMI specific courses and is working with other teachers to find and fill gaps for students.

Questions of clarification regarding the FNMI program were answered by N. Peters.

8. Learning Support Services Update

a. Board Action Plan (BAP) Update (Standing Item) - S. McGahey-Albert/ C. Camillo/ B. Nielsen

C. Camillo extended appreciation to the community members and TVDSB staff for participating in the Oneida tour. C. Camillo reported Oakridge S.S. is getting a FNMI program soon. She also reported that Learning Support Services is piloting a tutoring program through Western University at Beal S.S. Details of the pilot were outlined.

C. Camillo reported Chippewas will host a grade 11 and 12 summer school program where a physical education credit will be offered.

9. School Counselling and Social Work Services Update (Standing Item) - M. Ferdinand

C. Giannacopoulos reported four FNMI counsellors will remain in place until 2019 June, and next school year there will be three FNMI counsellors.

10. 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.

V. Jones extended appreciation to Oneida for offering a co-op placement allowing a student to meet his four-year graduation timeline.

11. Community Updates (Standing Item)

a. Chippewas of the Thames First Nation

F. Huff noted various youth activities have been planned for the community.

N. Kechego reported that the "Tutor with Nancy" program wasn't being utilized. The reason the students haven't been attending was identified and resolved, and participation is expected to increase over the next few weeks.

Questions of clarification regarding bus transportation during exam week were answered by Administration.

b. Munsee-Delaware Nation

O. Correia reported a professional development session was held for staff. O. Correia provided an update on the previous bus issue noting this has been resolved with the addition of a bus monitor.

c. Oneida Nation of the Thames

B. Summers reported a Principal has been appointed for the Standing Stone School, noting the role has been filled by F. Antone. B. Summers noted F. Antone has completed her qualifications and has been the acting Principal at Standing Stone since 2018 December.

B. Summers provided information on upcoming events at Oneida. B. Summers requested feedback from teachers and students regarding the FMNI space being used as dual purpose for teaching. Additionally B. Summers requested data on OSST, credit recovery and math.

12. Other Business

B. McKinnon recommended the Terms of Reference be reviewed by the EIE committee before the annual revisions are made by FNAC.

The following motion was moved and carried:

THAT the terms of reference be reviewed by the EIE committee.

13. 2018-2019 Meeting Dates

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, June 18, 2019 3:00 p.m. at Munsee-Delaware.

14. 2019-2020 Meeting Dates

Tuesday, September 17, 2019 (Chippewa)
Tuesday, October 15, 2019 (Oneida)
Tuesday, November 19, 2019 (Beal)
Tuesday, January 21, 2020 (Saunders)
Tuesday, February 18, 2020 (Lambeth)
Tuesday, April 21, 2020 (B. Davison)
Tuesday, May 19, 2020 (Delaware Central)
Tuesday, June 16, 2020 (Munsee-Delaware)

15. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m. by motion.

Recommendations: None

C. Antone
CHAIRPERSON