

REPORT OF THE FIRST NATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 18, 2019
3:14 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

MEMBERS

C. Antone, Chair
B. McKinnon, Trustee
B. Summers, Oneida Nation of the Thames
E. Young, Chippewas of the Thames(+3:46)
O. Correia, Munsee-Delaware Nation
U. Duxtator, Oneida Nation of the Thames

Regrets:

F. Huff, P. Cuddy

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
P. Hearse, Finance(-3:40)
S. Folino, Research and Assessment(-4:23)
V. Jones, Vice-Principal, B. Davison S.S.
P. Spicer, Principal, Delaware Central P.S.
K. Duffy, Vice-Principal, H.B. Beal Secondary School.
J. Patterson, Vice-Principal, Saunders S.S.
D. Clarke, Principal, S.D. C. I
S. Smith, Corporate Services
M. Fisher, Munsee-Delaware Nation

1. Call to Order

C. Antone called the meeting to order at 3:14 p.m. at Wulaawsuwiikaan Healing Lodge, Muncey.

2. Confirmation of Agenda

The agenda was approved on motion.

3. Conflicts of Interest

None declared.

4. Report of the Previous Meeting 2019 May 21

The First Nations Advisory Committee Report of the 2019 May 21 meeting was provided for information.

a. Business Arising from the Minutes Other Business- item 12

It was noted the Terms of Reference still need to be reviewed by the EIE Committee, before the annual revisions are made by FNAC.

5. Board Budget Report

P. Hearse provided for information Section 18- Indigenous Education Allocation for 2019-2020. The changes in funding were reviewed, noting the per pupil allocation and overall enrollment have increased.

B. Nielsen extended his appreciation to P. Hearse for the detailed presentation. P. Hearse will accept additional questions by email.

Questions of clarification regarding the Grad Coach position and student enrolment were answered by Administration.

6. Program Spotlight

None.

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.

C. Camillo reported on the success of the 2019 June 5 Oneida Language Gathering at Ska Nah Doht Village. The event was supported and lead by Oneida Language teachers from TVDSB and Oneida as well as Twatati Immersion students.

C. Camillo provided an update on the summer school programs available this year, noting the tutoring program at H.B. Beal Secondary School will continue.

C. Camillo reported that 2019 June 21 is National Indigenous People Day.

C. Camillo reported that FNMI Studies teachers met in June to review the past school year and prepare for the 2019-2020 school year. D. Helmer-Johnston from Lambton Kent District School Board led morning and afternoon sessions to share approaches and resources for FNMI Studies courses.

b. School Climate Survey Data

The committee completed a group activity where they divided into groups by School and reviewed the school climate survey data.

It was noted this was an introduction to the review process and there will be a continued focus at the next meeting.

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

None.

9. Principal Updates (Standing Item)

Principals/Vice Principals provided written reports to committee members prior to the meeting. The update for Beal was handed out at the meeting.

10. Community Updates (Standing Item)

a. Chippewas of the Thames First Nation

E. Young reported elections are approaching on 2019 July 20. Chippewas will be posting jobs for Learning Support Teachers and a Principal.

E. Young reported that 1200 students attended the children's pow-wow.

b. Munsee-Delaware Nation

O. Correia reported he was selected to supervise the summer day camp program in July and August.

O. Correia reported Munsee is hosting a graduation dinner to celebrate education, noting the secondary school Principals are invited. He also provided information on the Great Wolf Lodge trip planned for 2019 August 9-12.

The following motion was moved and CARRIED:

THAT M. Fisher be reinstated as a member of the First Nation Advisory Committee.

c. Oneida Nation of the Thames

B. Summers reported Oneida is hosting summer school for grade 9 and 10 math credit rescue and recovery. B. Summers noted on 2019 June 20 Oneida is having their grade 6 graduation ceremony.

B. Summers outlined the projects she is working on including needs assessments, credit completion research, staffing and transitioning the Head Start program to the Family Resource program.

B. Summers answered questions of clarification regarding the summer school math program.

11. Other Business

C. Giannacopoulos presented for review and feedback the Elementary and Secondary Native Language Staffing and Program Delivery Independent Procedure. Revisions were outlined, noting the curriculum is still being drafted.

C. Giannacopoulos requested suggests edits on Section 1.0 be emailed to her, noting additional feedback can be provided through public input.

Questions of clarification regarding language teachers, student/teacher ratios and requirements for funding Indigenous spaces were answered by Administration.

12. Future Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday September 17, 2019 (Chippewa).

13. Adjournment

C. Antone expressed her appreciation to the committee for their invested interest in FNAC.

B. Nielsen thanked C. Giannacopoulos for her dedication and drive to ensure positive change continues, wishing her all the best at Montcalm.

The meeting adjourned at 4:34 p.m. by motion.

Recommendations:

THAT M. Fisher be reinstated as a member of the First Nation Advisory Committee.

C. Antone
CHAIRPERSON

