

REPORT OF THE FIRST NATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 17, 2019

3:12 p.m. - 4:19 p.m.

MEMBERS

C. Antone, Chair
 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
 C. Kechego, Chippewas of the Thames
 M. Fisher, Munsee-Delaware Nation

Regrets:

B. McKinnon

ADMINISTRATION AND OTHERS

D. Macpherson, Superintendent of Student Achievement
 B. Nielsen, FNMI Learning Supervisor
 C. Camillo, FNMI Learning Coordinator of the Thames (Secondary)
 S. Folino, Research and Assessment
 C. Friesen, Principal, B. Davison S.S.
 P. Spicer, Principal, Delaware Central P.S.
 T. Langelann, Vice-Principal, H.B. Beal Secondary School
 S. Kahn, Principal, Saunders S.S.
 J. Patterson, Vice-Principal, Saunders S.S.
 S. Hambides, Principal, S.D. C. I
 C. Kennedy, Student Trustee
 S. Smith, Corporate Services
 N. Smith, Trustee, Chippewas of the Thames

1. Call to Order

The meeting convened at 3:12 p.m. at Antler River Elementary School, Chippewas of the Thames.

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 June 18 meeting was provided for information.

a. Business Arising from the Minutes

Other Business (item#11)

In response to a question B. Nielsen provided an update on the revisions to the Elementary and Secondary Native Language Staffing and Program Delivery Independent Procedure.

The committee requested a copy of the revisions prior to the procedure going out for public input.

5. 2018-2019 Grade 9 Results

Deferred.

6. Discussion of 2019-2020 Meeting Changes

C. Antone advised the committee of the potential changes to the agenda format and requested input from the members.

7. Program Spotlight

a. Chippewas of the Thames

C. Kechego introduced N. Smith a newly elected Trustee at Chippewas and reported the details of their recent election. N. Kechego provided an update on student enrolment for the 2019-2020 school year. She provided data on graduation rates, noting the summer credit recovery program was a contributing factor.

C. Kechego provided an update on Orange Shirt day detailing the planned events.

8. 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.

C. Camillo noted this school year she will be spending a half day per month at Lambeth and Delaware for staff and student support.

C. Camillo provided a recap of the Summer School program reporting 36 students earned credits, details of the summer school activities were outlined. She reported students were eager to volunteer at future programs.

In response to a question B. Nielsen reported funding will be extended for grad coaches and they will be in place until the end of the school year.

B. Nielsen noted P. Hearse will attend the 2019 October meeting to review the FNAC budget.

b. TVDSB Update

D. Macpherson informed the committee of the new Director and his focus on improving student achievement. He noted Director Fisher will be touring each First Nation community and the N'Amerind Friendship Centre 2019 October 18.

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

M. Ferdinand provided an update on the current staff caseload list. In response to a question M. Ferdinand reported the funding has been extended for three full-time FNMI counsellors and one part-time counsellor for the remainder of the school year. The counsellor's school lists were provided.

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.

School survey data was requested by the committee.

11. Community Updates (Standing Item)

a. Chippewas of the Thames First Nation

C. Kechego provided a staffing update reporting the school is completely staffed. She provided information on the grant for Secondary Leadership for grade 7 and 8, noting six high school students are interested so far.

b. Munsee-Delaware Nation

M. Fisher provided updates on the graduation ceremony, Great Wolf Lodge trip and annual Mandarin dinner. M. Fisher provided transportation information for the career fair and reminded the committee the impact of failing to report school absences.

c. Oneida Nation of the Thames

B. Summers provided information on the Oneida fair is this weekend. She provided an update on the success of the summer banquet and back to school event. B. Summers spoke to the importance of the career fair.

B. Summers outlined the projects she is working on including a new curriculum, language carousel, and defining the role of advocates and their workload.

12. Other Business

B. Nielsen reported the hiring vacancies for language in Elementary have been filled, an Oneida language program teacher was hired for Beal and Ojibway teacher interviews are in progress.

13. 2019-2020 Meeting Dates

2019 October 15 at Oneida.

14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:19 p.m. by motion.

Carole Antone
CHAIRPERSON