

REPORT OF THE FIRST NATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 15, 2019
3:05 p.m. - 4:31 p.m.

MEMBERS

C. Antone, Chair (+3:42)
B. McKinnon, Trustee
B. Summers, Oneida Nation of the Thames
E. Young, Chippewas of the Thames
C. Kechego, Chippewas of the Thames(+3:46)
O. Correia, Munsee-Delaware Nation
M. Fisher, Munsee-Delaware Nation

Regrets:

P. Cuddy

ADMINISTRATION AND OTHERS

D. Macpherson, Superintendent of Student Achievement
B. Nielsen, FNMI Learning Supervisor (+3:11)
C. Camillo, FNMI Learning Coordinator of the Thames (Secondary)
S. McGahey-Albert, FNMI Education Advisor
S. Folino, Research and Assessment
C. Friesen, Principal, B. Davison S.S.
P. Spicer, Principal, Delaware Central P.S.
T. Langelaan, Principal, H.B. Beal Secondary School
J. Richmond, Principal, Lambeth P.S.
S. Khan, Principal, Saunders S.S.
J. Patterson, Vice-Principal, Saunders S.S.
S. Hambides, Principal, S.D. C. I
M. Ferdinand, Manager
S. Smith, Corporate Services
P. Hearse, Finance (-3:58)
A. Goldie, Finance (-3:58)

1. Call to Order

The meeting convened at 3:05 p.m. at the Oneida Community Centre.

2. Confirmation of Agenda

The agenda was approved, as amended, on motion.

3. Conflicts of Interest

None declared.

4. Report of the Previous Meeting

The First Nations Advisory Committee Report of the 2019 September 17 meeting was provided for information.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

a. Finance Department 2019-2020 Budget Questions

P. Hearse and A. Goldie answered questions regarding the FNAC budget presented at the 2019 June 18 meeting.

In response to a question A. Goldie reported the only adjustment to the FNAC budget will result from overall enrollment numbers as they become available.

B. McKinnon extended his appreciation to P. Hearse and A. Goldie for their time.

Discussion occurred regarding presenting a budget initiative supporting mental health.

b. Elementary and Secondary Native Language Staffing and Program Delivery Independent Procedure (item #4.a)

D. Macpherson presented for review and feedback the Elementary and Secondary Native Language Staffing and Program Delivery Independent Procedure. Revisions were outlined, noting the procedure is currently posted for 60 days of public input.

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

6. Saunders S.S. Update

D. Macpherson provided an update on the situation at Saunders S.S. detailing the actions and proactive measures that have been/will be implemented.

B. Summers advised on a letter she drafted to the Oneida Community last week requesting additional information on the police investigations. Discussion considered how the situation was handled.

7. Local Indigenous Learning Series

C. Antone reported the Pillar nonprofit network is offering a Local Indigenous Learning 2- Part Series Workshop *Indigenous 101: The Truth Call to Action and Our Truth*.

The following motion was moved and carried:

THAT the local Indigenous learning series workshops be made available for all FNAC members and Trustees.

8. 2018-2019 Grade 9 Results

B. Nielsen will provide the grade 9 results to each Community individually.

Combined results will be provided next month.

9. Program Spotlight (Standing Item)

a. Oneida Nation of the Thames

Deferred.

10. Learning Support Services Update

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

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

S. McGahey-Albert reported that C. Camillo has been greeting the students when their buses arrive at Saunders S.S.

S. McGahey-Albert expressed concerns regarding the mental health of the students at Saunders S.S., noting the situation has impacted students at other schools through family ties.

C. Camillo reported that the students and parents have requested a full time FNMI counsellor at Saunders S.S.

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

M. Ferdinand provided an updated schedule for the four FNMI counsellors. M. Ferdinand advised that in addition to the FNMI counsellors, each school also has social work services.

12. Principal Updates (Standing Item)

Reports highlighting initiatives, events and programming were provided prior to the meeting. A handout was provided by Saunders S.S.

13. Community Updates (Standing Item)

a. Chippewas of the Thames First Nation

C. Kechego reported students have completed the tree planting and started the trail work. C. Kechego advised next month Chippewas will be celebrating Treaty Month.

C. Kechego reported Chippewas will be working on action items regarding Saunders S.S.

b. Munsee-Delaware Nation

No update was provided.

c. Oneida Nation of the Thames

B. Summers advised she is pursuing her Principal qualifications to help fill a need at the Secondary level.

14. Other Business

None.

15. 2018-2019 Meeting Dates

The next meeting will be held on 2019 November 19 (Beal).

16. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:31 p.m. by motion.

Recommendations: None.

Carol Antone
CHAIRPERSON