

REPORT OF THE FIRST NATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 18, 2020
3:24 p.m. - 4:31 p.m.

MEMBERS

J. Bennett, Trustee
J. Skinner, Trustee
B. Summers, Oneida Nation of the Thames
E. Young, Chippewas of the Thames
O. Correia, Munsee-Delaware Nation

Regrets: M. Fisher, C. Antone

ADMINISTRATION AND OTHERS

D. Macpherson, Superintendent of Student Achievement(-4:20)
S. Powell, Superintendent of Student Achievement(-3:38)
A. Canham, Superintendent of Student Achievement(-3:27)
R. Culhane, Associate Director
B. Nielsen, FNMI Learning Supervisor
S. McGahey-Albert, FNMI Education Advisor
S. Folino, Research and Assessment (-4:34)
M. Ferdinand, Manager
T. Langelaan, Principal, H.B. Beal Secondary School
A. McNiff, Vice- Principal, B. Davison 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
N. Kennedy, Student Rep. Chippewas of the Thames
S. Smith, Corporate Services

1. Call to Order

The meeting convened at 3:24 p.m. at Lambeth Public School, London.

B. Nielsen introduced A. McNiff, S. Powell, A. Canham and R. Culhane.

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 2020 January 21 meeting was provided for information.

a. Business Arising from the Minutes

a. Jordan's Principle

This presentation was presented prior to the meeting.

b. Supervisor Alternative Learning (SAL Program) (item #5.a)

S. Powell presented information on Supervised Alternative Learning Plans (SALP) and outlined the SALP process. It was noted students are involved in creating the plan. Alternative options available to students were reviewed.

It was noted anxiety was the primary reason students apply for SALP.

Questions of clarification regarding age requirements, the application process/committee and the approval process were addressed.

S. Powell requested any additional questions be emailed to her.

5. Program Spotlight (Standing Item)

a. Lambeth Public School

Through a PowerPoint presentation, J. Richmond presented the transitions strategies and supports used by Lambeth Public School. Field trips, open houses registration events, placement meetings, ongoing staff collaboration and Fourth R were detailed.

J. Richmond provided details regarding staff development, the FNMI staff champion, the daily message, Oneida Language instruction for grades 7 & 8, Oneida Advocates, targeted numeracy support, tutors for in class support, joint collaborations with Oneida of the Thames, focus on building trusting relationships and TVDSB Administration and the staff at Lambeth Public School were acknowledged.

6. Indigenous Student Trustee Announcements (Standing Item)

Trustee Bennett announced tomorrow is the deadline for Student Trustee applications. The Indigenous Student Trustee Election is on 2020 February 26.

7. Learning Support Services Update

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

B. Nielsen provided an update on the First Nations 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.

b. Indigenous Graduation Coach Update

B. Nielsen provided an update on the Indigenous Graduation Coaches noting an additional Graduation Coach started today at Saunders Secondary School.

c. Cultural Funds

B. Nielsen presented an update on the First Nations Cultural Funds 2019-2020 Budget noting any funds not spent by 2020 March break will be rolled back.

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

M. Ferdinand reported the FNMI counsellors are part of OSSTF. As a result of the current job action they are behind schedule meeting with students/families.

Questions of clarification regarding wait times and the numbers of referrals were addressed.

The committee requested a written report be provided.

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. Chippewas of the Thames First Nation

E. Young reported that D. Young has been appointed to the committee. Chippewas of the Thames First Nation has released a job posting seeking a Director of Education.

N. Kechego reported the majority of students have earned all their credits.

b. Munsee-Delaware Nation

O. Correia provided a recap of the forum hosted by the Munsee-Delaware Education Committee to address the concerns and source solutions regarding bullying on the school bus and updates to policy. It was noted the information gathered at the forum hasn't been collated yet.

c. Oneida Nation of the Thames

B. Summers reported Oneida Nation of the Thames intends to host a meeting to create awareness in the community. The ability to host the meeting has been impacted by current job action and the meeting is on hold.

B. Summers outlined the priorities she is working on including: preparing budgets for next year, potentially creating an immersion program, planning summer programming/summer credit course and reviewing alternative education data.

11. Other Business

S. Folino advised on where to find alternative education information for students.

12. 2020 Meeting Dates

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 (B. Davison).

13. Adjournment

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

Oscar Correia
CHAIRPERSON