

## REPORT OF THE FIRST NATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 20, 2020  
3:06 p.m. - 4:15 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:** C. Antone, D. Young

### ADMINISTRATION AND OTHERS

K. Auckland, Superintendent of Student Achievement  
B. Nielsen, FNMI Learning Supervisor  
C. Camillo, FNMI Learning Coordinator of the Thames (Secondary)  
S. McGahey-Albert, FNMI Education Advisor  
M. Ferdinand, Manager  
R. Shave, Principal, B. Davison S.S.  
A. McNiff, Vice-Principal, B. Davison S.S.  
M. Koop, Principal, Delaware Central P.S.  
T. Langelaan, Principal, H.B. Beal Secondary School (+3:30)  
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  
A. Ribout, Vice-Principal, S.D. C. I  
B. Milne, Vice-Principal, S.D. C. I  
N. Keller, Student Trustee  
S. Smith, Corporate Services  
K. Aitken, Executive Assistant to Superintendent  
J. Capaldi, Communications

#### 1. Call to Order

O. Correia called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m. through a virtual Teams meeting.  
S. Smith reviewed the virtual meeting norms and introduced Superintendent K. Auckland.

#### 2. Confirmation of Agenda

The agenda was approved, on motion.

#### 3. Conflicts of Interest

None declared.

#### 4. Report of the Previous Meeting

The report of the 2020 February 18 meeting was provided for information.

##### a. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

#### 5. Program Spotlight (Standing Item)

It was noted the Program Spotlight will resume at the next meeting.

#### 6. Indigenous Student Trustee Announcements (Standing Item)

Student Trustee Keller introduced himself and was welcomed by the committee.

#### 7. Student Achievement and Well-Being

O. Correia welcomed K. Auckland to FNAC.

K. Auckland provided an update on Return to Learn relevant to First Nations, Metis and Inuit students. It was noted monthly meetings will be held with each Community to discuss student achievement and pressing issues.

C. Camillo advised on Orange Shirt Day, the literacy Global Read Aloud program and upcoming Indigenous events.

**8. A. C. Askew Bursary Selection**

K. Auckland advised on the criteria for the A.C. Bursary noting there were two applications. The applications for each applicant were reviewed.

It was determined that the bursary will be split equally between both applicants.

**9. 2020-2021 Indigenous Graduation Coaches and FNMI Counsellors**

K. Auckland provided an update on the Indigenous Graduation Coaches noting a focus on early intervention.

**10. Board Action Plan on Indigenous Education**

K. Auckland provided an update regarding the completion of the 2019-2020 Board Action Plan noting a summary will be provided at the next FNAC meeting where the 2020-2021 Board Action Plan on Indigenous Education plan will also be presented.

**11. 2020-2021 Cultural Funds**

S. McGahey requested input from the committee regarding the primary focus for the 2020-2021 Cultural Funds.

Suggestions were captured by K. Aitken.

Questions of clarifications were addressed regarding nutrition, school trips, Elementary students, transitions for grades 7-9 students and tools for STEM.

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

M. Ferdinand provided an update relevant to school counselling regarding FNMI counsellors, SWAC, students off register, full remote learning students and working with families to improve in person attendance.

**13. 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.

Questions of clarification were addressed regarding assessments for full remote learning students.

**14. Community Updates (Standing Item)**

**a. Chippewa of the Thames First Nation**

E. Young provided an update on Chippewa of the Thames First Nation noting students have not returned to in-person learning. Students are able to make appointments to meet

with teachers in person at school. Currently paper lessons are being distributed to each student. E. Young advised that options to upgrade the internet service are under review and efforts to hire an Education Director will resume.

**b. Munsee-Delaware Nation**

O. Correia provided an update on Munsee-Delaware Nation noting plans are underway to build internet towers and resolve connection issues for full remote learning students. O. Correia recapped the details of a recent shopping trip to the Columbia Warehouse where students shopped for winter gear.

**c. Oneida Nation of the Thames**

B. Summers advised on the appointment of a new Chief in Council, Chief Adrian Chrisjohn. B. Summers outlined the projects she is working on including a networking project for teachers, providing EA support for a student in Lambeth, securing Wi-Fi enabled devices for families and the re-opening of childcare (November).

**15. Other Business**

None.

**16. 2020-2021 Meeting Dates**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 17, 2020.

**17. Adjournment**

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

There were no recommendations.

**O. Correia**  
ACTING CHAIRPERSON