

REPORT OF THE FIRST NATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 17, 2020
3:30 p.m. - 4:18 p.m.

MEMBERS

C. Antone, Chair
J. Bennett, Trustee
B. Summers, Oneida Nation of the Thames
E. Young, Chippewas of the Thames
A. Morell, Trustee (ex-officio)

Regrets: J. Skinner, O. Correia

ADMINISTRATION AND OTHERS

K. Auckland, Superintendent of Student Achievement
B. Nielsen, System Principal
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.
M. Koop, Principal, Delaware Central P.S.
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
S. Smith, Corporate Services
J. Capaldi, Communications
S. Folino, Research and Assessment (-3:47)

1. Call to Order

C. Antone called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. through a virtual Teams meeting.

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 October 20 meeting was provided for information.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

It was noted full remote learning Principals from Elementary and Secondary will be invited to the next FNAC meeting.

6. Every Student Belongs Survey Draft

S. Folino presented the draft Every Student Belongs survey. Details of the survey were outlined. The rationale for completing the survey was identified.

Questions of clarification were addressed regarding the survey content.

7. Program Spotlight (Standing Item)

None.

8. Indigenous Student Trustee Announcements (Standing Item)

None.

9. Learning Support Services Update

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

C. Camillo provided an update noting the relationship with the N'Amerind Friendship Centre was extended for one year. She advised on the availability of Oneida language classes noting cultural learning kits are being provided to Elementary students in FRL.

C. Camillo reported on the success of recent events including Treaty Recognition Week. Memos were sent to Administrators to ensure communication plans are in place for students regarding the tutoring program with Western University.

B. Neilsen advised a three week credit recovery session will be offered where students will receive support from Graduation Coaches, Learning Coordinators and Secondary Teachers. Plans to build capacity and increase engagement were outlined.

S. McGahey reported she is working with Pathways for Success Coordinators to create a resource for Administrators relevant to supporting FNMI students. It was noted the project is in the early stages.

Questions of clarification were addressed regarding the credit recovery program.

1. Board Action Plan on Indigenous Education (item #10.0)

K. Auckland advised the template for the 2020-2021 Board Action Plan on Indigenous Education has not been received from the Ministry of Education. The action plan will be presented to the committee when it becomes available.

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

M. Ferdinand requested input from the Committee regarding the best way to arrange meetings between students and school counsellors.

M. Ferdinand reported counselors are meeting with students virtually, by phone and in person and reviewed current issues identified among students.

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

Principals/Vice Principals, attending the meeting, referred to the written reports provided to committee members. Initiatives, events and programming were highlighted.

12. Community Updates (Standing Item)

a. Chippewa of the Thames First Nation

None.

b. Munsee-Delaware Nation

None.

c. Oneida Nation of the Thames

B. Summers provided an update on Oneida Nation of the Thames noting the community school will remain in full remote learning until the end of January. Additional tutoring is being offered and she is looking into expanding evening hours for student advocates.

Only remote programs will be offered over the Holiday break. It was noted the language group has an upcoming meeting and a report will be presented in the new year.

13. Other Business

None.

14. 2021 Meeting Dates

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 19, 2021.

15. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m. by motion.

Recommendations: None.

Carol Antone
CHAIRPERSON