

## REPORT OF THE FIRST NATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 20, 2021  
3:10 p.m. - 4:49 p.m.

### MEMBERS

C. Antone, Chair  
J. Bennett, Trustee  
A. Morell, Trustee  
E. Young, Chippewa of the Thames  
O. Correia, Munsee-Delaware Nation  
B. Summers, Oneida Nation of the Thames

### ADMINISTRATION AND OTHERS

K. Auckland, Superintendent of Student Achievement  
C. Camillo, FNMI Learning Coordinator of the Thames (Secondary)  
S. McGahey-Albert, FNMI Education Advisor  
R. Shave, Principal, B. Davison S.S.  
M. Koop, Principal, Delaware Central P.S.  
S. Khan, Principal, Saunders S.S.  
J. Patterson, Vice-Principal, Saunders S.S.  
N. Kechego, Student Rep. Chippewa of the Thames  
G. Doxtator, System Principal of Indigenous Education (Elementary)

M. Ferdinand, Manager  
N. Keller, Student Trustee  
S. Smith, Corporate Services  
J. Capaldi, Communications  
S. Folino, Research and Assessment  
S. Hambides, Principal, S.D. C. I  
A. Ribout, Vice-Principal, S.D. C. I  
T. Langelaan, Principal, H.B. Beal S.S.  
V. Jones, Vice-Principal, H.B. S.S.  
J. Richmond, Principal, Lambeth P.S.  
C. Breen, Vice-Principal, Lambeth P.S.

#### 1. Call to Order

Chair Antone called the meeting to order at 3:10 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 2021 February 16 meeting was provided for information.

#### 5. Business Arising from the Minutes

##### Other Business (item #12)

Chair Antone advised that potential changes to the agenda are still under consideration as the supporting work is ongoing.

#### 6. Operational Plan Update

K. Auckland presented for information TVDSB's 2020-2021 Operational Plan. The goals were detailed noting work will be completed over time.

A copy of the presentation will be sent to the committee.

Discussion occurred regarding intervention, suspension data, graduation rates and building relationships. It was noted the plan will be reviewed at FNAC regularly.

#### 7. Correspondence from Director Fisher Dated 2020 November 5

Chair Antone presented for information a copy of a letter from Director Fisher in support of improving outcomes for all Indigenous students and staff at TVDSB. A copy was provided to the committee prior to the meeting.

**8. Correspondence from Oneida Nation of the Thames Dated 2021 November 10**

B. Summers presented for information a copy of a letter from Oneida Nation of the Thames in response to the letter from Director Fisher (item #7.0) relevant to the necessary support for improving outcomes for all Indigenous students and staff at TVDSB. A copy was provided to the committee prior to the meeting.

B. Summers provided the details of a follow up letter received from Director Fisher outlining specific opportunities available to provide support.

**9. Program Spotlight (Standing Item)**

C. Breen presented the Program Spotlight highlighting success from ongoing activities at Lambeth Public School including the Oneida Language program, lessons on beading and culture, and the 4th R program to increase Indigenous engagement and education.

**10. Indigenous Student Trustee Announcements (Standing Item)**

Student Trustee Keller provided an update on the progress being made to assemble an Indigenous Student Advisory Council. He advised the Indigenous Student Trustee Elections will occur tomorrow noting there are 3 candidates running.

Student Trustee Keller provided a brief outline of the events planned for the Student Leadership Conference scheduled this Friday including Indigenous speaker Daniel Deleary.

S. McGahey-Albery extended appreciation to Student Trustee Keller for the volume of work put into creating an Indigenous Student Advisory Council noting this project has been underway since September.

**11. Learning Support Services Update**

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

C. Camillo provided an update on the TVDSB Board Action Plan for Indigenous Education. In addition, she also shared there will be an educational focus on Indigenous heroes for 2021 Spring. Teaching resources will be provided for K-12 to support Educators.

An update was provided regarding FNMI studies, the Raven program, the Ojibwe language program and summer programming.

C. Camillo advise the Indigenous Student Trustee Election will be streamed live on the TVDSB YouTube channel.

A copy of the action plan will be sent to the committee.

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

M. Ferdinand advised the Ministry will provide funding to allow for the ongoing provision of mental health supports for students struggling with mental health concerns, as well to help facilitate a smooth transition back to in-person learning.

M. Ferdinand provided an update on student engagement noting this is a focus with all students in full remote learning.

Questions of clarification were addressed regarding staffing and the impact of COVID-19 on caseloads for staff.

In response to a question, M. Ferdinand reported there has been no communication regarding a reduction in funding for mental health.

**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.

**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 all students are in full remote learning. F. Huff has been designated as the Interim Education Director until 2021 June 30.

**b. Munsee-Delaware Nation**

O. Correia provided an update on Munsee-Delaware Nation noting an Emergency Control Group (ECG) was struck to manage COVID-19 within the community. O. Correia outlined the actions taken and rules implemented by the ECG.

**c. Oneida Nation of the Thames**

B. Summers provided an update on Oneida Nation of the Thames noting the community is closed to the public. With the Provincial lock down student appointments are on hold.

B. Summers advised there is a new visitor protocol noting all visitors are required to have an advocate with them to enter/visit the Community. It was noted the visitor protocols differ at each community. K. Auckland will confirm the established protocols of each community and communicate the protocols to staff.

B. Summers outlined the priorities she is working on including participation in the environmental scan and equity committee. B. Summers provided performance results on the last round of grade nine students that joined TVDSB.

**15. Other Business**

Chair Antone requested the community representatives send FNAC membership appointment letters to Corporate Services.

**16. 2021 Meeting Dates**

The next meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday, May 18, 2021.

**17. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:49 p.m. by motion.

**Carol Antone**  
CHAIRPERSON

**Recommendations:** None.