



Algonquin & Lakeshore
Catholic District School Board



**Aboriginal Advisory Committee
Thursday, October 5, 2017
Limestone District School Board**

Present:

Krishna Burra
Limestone DSB
Superintendent of Education

Kevin Reed (LDSB)
Limestone DSB
Indigenous Education Lead

Jolene Knowles
Limestone DSB

Meri MacLeod
Limestone DSB

Kelly Maracle
Limestone DSB

Shawn McDonald (ALCDSB)
Algonquin & Lakeshore CDSB
Indigenous Education Lead

Charlene Landry-Kyte
Algonquin & Lakeshore CDSB

Brad Reitzel
Algonquin & Lakeshore CDSB

Dr. Terri-Lynn Brennan
City of Kingston

Kathy Brant
Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte

Melanie Howard
Queens University

Danka Brewer
Shabot Obaadjiwan First Nation

Elaine Jeffery
Metis Nation of Ontario

Lindsay Morcom
Queens University ATEP

Regrets:

Terri Slack
Algonquin & Lakeshore CDSB
Superintendent of School Effectiveness

Terri Daniel
Algonquin & Lakeshore CDSB

Nicholas Woolley
Algonquin & Lakeshore CDSB

Janice Hill
Four Directions Aboriginal Student Centre

Debra Rantz
Limestone DSB

Sheri Jones
Limestone DSB

MINUTES

Opening and Greeting:

Opening

Danka Brewer opened the meeting with a traditional greeting.

Review of the Past Minutes

Shawn McDonald (ALCDSB) reaffirmed changes to the Advisory Council meeting process with the addition of recording minutes. Recording the meeting minutes will allow the ALCDSB membership to highlight the work of the Advisory Council and meet obligations under existing board policy around committees. Mary Shaw, Administrative Assistant from the Algonquin & Lakeshore Catholic DSB, was introduced as the recorder.

Past minutes were reviewed and accepted by the group.

Agenda Items:

School Board Initiatives

Kevin Reed (LDSB) informed the Council that the LDSB Board Action Plan for the 2017/2018 school year had been submitted. Shawn McDonald (ALCDSB) confirmed that the ALCDSB had also submitted their Action Plan and thanked the Advisory Council for their participation and input.

Kevin Reed (LDSB) and Shawn McDonald (ALCDSB) provided programming updates from the two School Boards:

- the LDSB proposed Knowledge-keepers in Schools protocol continues to be revised. It will be brought forward to the Advisory Council once completed.
- the ALCDSB Indigenous Knowledge Program will continue through the 2017/18 school year. The two School Boards continue to seek opportunities to bring local Indigenous Knowledge-keepers into schools and classrooms.
- the Four Winds student conference will be held on November 2nd, 2017. Secondary students from both school Boards will be participating and some of the Advisory Council members will be participating as presenters.
- the LDSB will be using funding from the Ministry of Education to host a series of Indigenous Family Network meetings. The evening program will be held at the Katarokwi Learning Centre in the former Frontenac PS. The program will provide language and culture components.
- Shawn McDonald (ALCDSB) shared information from the Ministry of Education surrounding Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) and Parents Reaching Out (PRO) grants and directed council members to the ministry website for more information.

- students will be attending the Xara Choral production of Fatty Legs at the Grand Theatre on November 1st, 2017. Terri-Lynn Brennan commented that additional seating may be available if teachers contact Jennie Pedler (jpedler@cityofkingston.ca)

Around the Circle

Discussion surrounding the importance of Indigenous language followed the LDSB Indigenous Family Network meetings announcement. It was suggested that having some formal recognition of achievement in Language acquisition could motivate and acknowledge participants. Lindsay Morcom shared that the Aboriginal Teacher Education Program at Queens has been involved in micro-accreditation in the past and developing some form of certificate program may be possible. The group also recommended the online Coursara program and the online UBC course on Reconciliation.

Terri-Lynn Brennan announced that the final Talking Circle hosted by the City of Kingston will be held on October 16th, 2017. Previous circles were quite successful.

Melanie Howard announced the continuation of funding for the Codemakers program that is hosted by the Queens Aboriginal Access to Engineering Program. It was suggested that an opportunity for collaboration existed with local schools and that exploring the possibility of providing local bus pickup at some schools might be helpful.

Lindsay Morcom shared the success of Orange Shirt Day at Queens. While the date (September 30, 2017) provided additional challenges for schools this year, it was suggested that providing information to Parent Councils about the initiative might prove useful for families.

Additional Items

The group recognized the dedication and work of Dr. Terri-Lynn Brennan. Dr. Brennan will be leaving her position at the City of Kingston and as a result will no longer be a member of the Advisory Council. The two School Boards will continue to search for a representative from the City of Kingston to fill the vacancy created by Terry-Lynn's departure.

The next meeting will be held in December 2017 and the date will be communicated to group.

Closing:

The meeting was adjourned.

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