



## **First Nation, Métis, Inuit Communities Committee**

**Monday, May 29, 2017 at 5:00 pm**

**St. Elizabeth Catholic School**

**1350 Bertha Street, Wallaceburg**

Present: Carol Bryden, Laura Callaghan, Cortnee Goure, Caroline Van Roestel-Seward, Beverly Bressette, Margaret Palmer, Liz Gibson, Emily Fortney Blunt, Megan Lee Nahmabin, Anne Fournier, Steve DeGurse, Donna Laprise

Recording Secretary: Caroline Van Roestel-Seward

1. Margaret Palmer and Cortnee Goure led the group in prayer.
2. Cortnee welcomed and thanked those in attendance. Introductions were made
3. **Review and Approval of Minutes from November 10, 2016**  
**Motion: (Margaret Palmer, Liz Gibson) That the Minutes for the First Nation, Métis, Inuit Communities Committee of November 10, 2016 be approved. Carried**
4. **Agenda Setting and Approval.**  
**Motion: (Anne Fournier, Laura Callaghan) That the Agenda for First Nation, Métis, Inuit Communities Committee Agenda of Monday, May 19, 2017 approved. Carried.**
5. **Reports from the First Nation Communities**  
Aamjiwnaang:
  - Megan is waiting to get the approval to come to support the students at St. Pat's.
  - She has made herself available to the students through social media and phoneKettle and Stoney Point:
  - Joanna is now supporting our St Pat's students.
  - She is coming to the school once a week.
  - She is also working with our Student Leadership groups.
  - Student Leadership groups are asking questions and driving the direction of the group. The group is find a student voice and they will be able to find out what they want to see in their schools
  - Student Symposium: Leaders attend.
6. **Reports from Schools**  
**St Elizabeth:**
  - Good news assembly: introducing the Catholic Virtues and the Grandfather Teachings each month.

- Art: Brenda Collins has been working with the Grandfather Teaching through art. Going deeper with the understanding.
- Experiential Learning Grant: students have field trips and guest speakers talking about water.
- Connecting History to the blanket exercise.

#### **Holy Trinity:**

- Jason Henry has come into speak to students connecting to the history curriculum.
- Drummer has come the school.
- June 16<sup>th</sup> Lacrosse Tournament is being hosted at Holy Trinity.

## **7. Report from the Board**

### **First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Education across the board – Cortnee**

- As a school board, we are moving from Cultural awareness to cultural competency.
- TRC connections
- Increased number of students who have self-identified is now 216
- Numbers of school-based proposals for funds has increased this year as well.
- Weekly co-teaching across classrooms to incorporate indigenous history, culture and perspectives
- Student Leadership: Wanted to know more about drumming. They explore the creation story through drumming
- Collaborative inquiry: Integrating indigenous authors into the secondary English curriculum.
- Professional development: Grade 6 teachers looking at governments, Blanket exercise with all grade 8 teachers as well as Religion, English and Social Science, Itinerant music teachers. Teachings with the items that are in the schools.
- Lacrosse tournaments: Wallaceburg, Chatham, Sarnia
- Robotics: First Nation, Metis and Inuit team in the first Lego girls team
- Elementary and Secondary Youth Symposium: June 6<sup>th</sup> coming up. 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Secondary Student Leadership Groups:
- A recording of *The Lord's Prayer* in Ojibwe with Reta Sands is now on our Board's website.
- Beverly Bressette offered to provide PD for staff, teachers and SO's at Kettle and Stoney Point to teacher about the history, traditions and the culture of their People.

#### **Board Website**

- Reflection
- People are really pleased to see the work that is being done and the openness of teachers to learning
- Request to see how the Seven Grandfather Teachings and the Catholic Virtues go together: St Elizabeth School.
- Question about wampum belt teaching, and dream catchers and their integration into our classrooms.

## **8. Next Meeting Dates: Fall: October 2017**