

# **MCFN Board of Education Meeting**

Meeting:	Board of Life	elong Learning, September	Recorder:		H. Jamieson	
Date of Meeting:	Thu. Sept 28	, 23	Start Time:		4:00 PM (4:25PM)	
Location:	Community	Centre Board Room	End Time:			
Attendees:						
Name		Title/Position		Department		
Patti Barber/ Chair Director		Director	Lif		ifelong Learning	
Veronica King-Jamieson		Counsellor		Pillar 4 LL & Awareness		
Katharine Brown Early Years Administrato		Early Years Administrator	Lifelong Learning			
Bernadette O'Grady Bomberry Po		Post-Sec Advisor		Lifelong Learning		
Nikki Shawana		Elementary & Secondary Advisor		Lifelong Learning		
Holly Laforme/ Co Chair		Board Member				
Heather Jamieson		Admin Assist		Lifelong Learning		
Danielle MacDonnell	Zoom	Board Member				
Tena Sault	Zoom	Board Member				
Eric Sault		Board Member				
Regrets						
Name		Title/Position		Department		
Val King		Board Member				
Brianna Rowe/ Chair		Board Member				
James Medway		LSK Principal				
Matt King		LSK Vice Principal				
Carly Szabo		Board Member				

# **Discussions**

# Topic No. 1 – Welcome New Member

Greetings and Welcome with Danielle MacDonnell, New Knowledge Keeper Member -VP (K- 3) Agnes G. Hodge Public School in Brantford.

# Topic No. 2 - Review & Accept Agenda

Chairing, Patti Barber, Holly Laforme No Opposition, future Meetings to begin 4:30pm

Discuss funding for Learning Lodge, Community Trust?

- -Request to council to approach Trust
- -For Next Harvest (October 2024)
- -Use for ceremony, community, etc

# Topic No. 3 - Post Sec Update

Adult Ed – Working to obtain OSSD

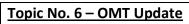
- As of May, GED No longer Available in Canada, Advertise to community!
- Niagara Bursary Recipients/ Announce to community (Eagle Press)
- Mohawk #1, 17 registrations this semester (Largest Group)
- Discourage Private College Enrollment, credentials typically not recognized
- Fast-Tracking vs Wasting Time
- Encourage research and networking of occupational/ educational paths for students

# Topic No. 4 – Elementary & Secondary Update

- LLESA Position Creation. Nikki Shawana,
- On territory elementary member students, Off territory Member students
- Networking with staff and departments
- Helping students to navigate their environment and resources
- HSS BBQ back-to-school
- Working with Cultural mentor & native guidance counsellor indigenous events
- Indigenous Student Council (ISC) consists of mostly MCFN students
- ISC implementing Thanks Giving Address daily in the language (Anishinaabe & Cayuga)
- Sept 29<sup>th</sup> event, Orange Shirt Day, Honor Song, Ceremony
- Holy Trinity, Honor Song before ECM Football Game. Asserted No Canadian National Anthem
- Connected with Holy Trinity via networking with another cultural singer/performer
- Transition Initiative with GEDSB, Indigenous Lead meeting
- Awareness efforts towards Ojibwe, Mississaugas of the Credit, great progress
- Leadership day at Community Centre
- Try to support students in extra curriculars
- Networking lunches
- Mentorship opportunities, transitional ideas pre-elem-sec-post sec-
- Ojibwe Class Language station with students 2023 Fall Harvest October 20<sup>th</sup>
- Student Appreciation/Support/Cultural Events
- Cultural Days with Off Territory Schools

#### Topic No. 5 – Early Years Update

- Staff Passing, centre closed for 3 days. Fire for 2 ½ days. Re-opened Sept 27
- Support for staff and Kids
- Closing permanently Oct 20<sup>th</sup>
- New location reopened oct 30<sup>th</sup> (one week close/move)
- MMCC enrollment efforts (200 wait list) 70% capacity
- Early ON , understaffed
- Open end of October, grand opening for all centers
- Early Years- 42 Staff. Retreat Conference in Niagara: Trauma informed care, Team building,
- Guest Speaker; child welfare, cultural teachings
- All centers Closed during conference
- No longer attending the Peace conference for ECE, outgrown no longer required
- Nikki team building activity, crafting with birch and porcupine
- Waiting on wage reviews, waiting on staffing
- SN starting at \$30, \$10 more
- We need to pay more
- 90+ spaces for enrollments, can't bring to capacity due to shortage
- Applied for "Haldimand optimists' group" Fisherville, grant for community projects.
- Received \$5000 for Dolly Parton Library. Members all over Canada Eligible
- Would like every child under 5 to receive books
- Covering all surrounding postal codes



- Electronic and Physical Copies provided for review

# <u>Topic No. 7 – Board of Lifelong Learning</u>

Meeting Times, 4:30 pm

Letter Head

Budget 56k. (Continues to be carried over to next fiscal) Travel,

Not enough board attendance at conferences to cover the entirety of the events

Youth Exchange New Zealand in the works via Pillar 4

Add travel budget to TOR

Pillar 4, no limits on workshops and useful information or benefits to improve the Board

Board Luncheons with all Departments under Lifelong Learning – Early Learning

LSK/ CTW feed back

Christmas plans for Board

Photos and Bios for Web Page/ Still not posted

Communications to do photos at Strat Planning Oct 14

Portable Office, phone lines, Bell, Avaya. In the works

LSK IPRC/ Suspension Appeals to be brought to Board. Add to TOR

Danielle Interested in participating in Appeals

Board also held appeals for Post Sec students

### Topic No. 8 – Pillar 4 Lifelong Learning & Awareness Update

LSK Board- Direction from C&C (motion)

Separate LSK From Chief and Council and Lifelong Learning?

LSK would be entirely separate and responsible for themselves

Board to come up with options

What are the Specific Concerns?

Education Authority history, personal feelings from staff

Staff need support legally and professionally (feeling unsupported, mistrust?)

Very administrative feeling / Pillar 4 must remain objective avoid administration

Bring up 'Separate Board' with External Reviewers

LSK Board would take years, options in the mean time

Create protection for staff, unions, legalities, multiple fronts of protection from abuse or neglect allegations

Do other communities have models?

Would be progressive to create, recognizing as a need. Other communities will follow

Objective person to step in and look at the bigger picture

Research, let BoLL Respond to concerns

Board should create tasks groups for needs, one could be LSK staff, etc

Find specific concerns to address properly

Build trust, deliver on needs and concerns

#### <u>Topic No. 9 – Grad/Award Ceremonies</u>

- -Secondary student grad awards, timing with awards vs grad & school startup
- -CTW not appropriate place to present
- -Inquire to join Recognitions Committee
- -Awards Night
- -Secondary Anishinaabemowin Award Creation & Criteria
- -Julie Laforme Award, Post sec, successful first year
- -PSA Meeting with Margaret on Julie Laforme Award

# <u>Topic No. 10 – Annual Criminal Offense Declaration</u>

All members for annual checks / Heather to follow up

Eric and Holly sending Vulnerable Sector Check

# **Topic No. 11- Additional Items**

- 2024 Education Symposium
- LSK Policy Draft, not yet approved

# Next Meeting (if applicable)

ite: October 23 <sup>rd</sup> 2023 Start Time: 4:30 Location:
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