



MCFN Board of Education Meeting

Meeting:	Board of Lifelong 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/ <i>Chair</i>	Director	Lifelong Learning	
Veronica King-Jamieson	Counsellor	Pillar 4 LL & Awareness	
Katharine Brown	Early Years Administrator	Lifelong Learning	
Bernadette O'Grady Bomberry	Post-Sec Advisor	Lifelong Learning	
Nikki Shawana	Elementary & Secondary Advisor	Lifelong Learning	
Holly Laforme/ <i>Co Chair</i>	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/ <i>Chair</i>	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 29th 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 20th
- 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 20th
- New location reopened oct 30th (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

Topic No. 6 – OMT Update

- Electronic and Physical Copies provided for review

Topic No. 7 – Board of Lifelong Learning

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

Topic No. 9 – Grad/Award Ceremonies

-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

Topic No. 10 – Annual Criminal Offense Declaration

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)

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