

SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Our Mission:

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2.0 Approval of the Agenda

*Moved by: J. Wawia Second: S. Bartlett
That the agenda for the Superior-Greenstone DSB Indigenous Education Advisory Committee meeting, September 18, 2018 be accepted and approved.*

Carried

3.0 Celebrating Success at SGDSB

highlighted the many successful initiatives that SGDSB is currently celebrating. The items include the following;
 SGDSB currently has a MOU with the Ontario Arts Council. We are currently in year 2 of a 5-year project. The funding is provided to help the school Board bring in Indigenous and non-indigenous artists to present to the students.
 Nipigon-Red Rock High School learned screen printing and mural painting from Rocky Bay First Nation.
 Geraldton Composite High School welcomes Angie Ice as the new teacher for Ojibway language. Due to the increased level of student interest, a second class was created and the subject was added to the second semester schedule.

4.0 Honorariums Developing Board Guidelines

the District that First Nation knowledge keepers have been invited in to the schools. She noted that we would like to formalize the process for honorariums so that we may show our appreciation for their attendance and teachings. She requested feedback and input from the Committee regarding the development of Board guidelines for honorariums for First Nation, Metis and Inuit knowledge keepers. The suggestions received are as follows;
 Suggested minimum would be \$125 for a half day, plus mileage at the Board rate.
 A suggested maximum would be \$250 for a full day, plus mileage at the Board rate.
 Required supplies be purchased by the Board.
 Suggestions provided regarding the language utilized in the guideline to make sure that it is respectful of elders and knowledge keepers.
 Requested that there be room for adjustment if required.
 The committee noted that some elders may not accept an honorarium and may only accept tobacco.
 The guideline would be part of our procedures and not a policy.

5.0 Smudging Protocol Developing Board Guidelines

Nancy introduced the draft smudging protocol the Board is currently developing. She provided the Committee with an example of some guidelines she has researched and requested the Committees feedback. The recommendations include the following;
 Have an elder or knowledge keeper explain and introduce smudging for the first time.
 Discussed the building of smudging rooms so that the smoke does not set off fire alarms.
 Parents, principal and plant department will be made aware of when smudging will take place.
 Smudging will be optional for staff and students.

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6.0 Board Action Plan for 2018-2019

Nancy advised that she is currently in the planning stages for the Board Action Plan. She provided a copy of the template and discussed the annual submission schedule to the Ministry of Education. The submission schedule includes a pre-report, interim report and then the final report. Nancy requested the Committees feedback and encouraged members to review the material and contact her with their suggestions.

7.0 Early Years Lead and Indigenous Education Portfolio **Imbedding Indigenous Culture and perspectives into Early Years**

presentation regarding their project to imbed Indigenous culture and perspectives into the early years classrooms. Their presentation included a detailed review of how students will receive early exposure to the Ojibway language and have play based learning opportunities.

8.0 AES Update on partnerships created with First Nation Communities within Region 1 and SGDSB

Communities within Region 1 and Superior-Greenstone District School Board. Region Council 1 includes all of our communities that were present at the meeting. She advised that SGDSB in partnership with the First Nation communities has written a proposal with BZA, Biigtigong and Pic Mobert.

9.0 Graduation Coach Update

The Director of Education thanked the Red Rock Indian Band for their ongoing partnership and financial support of the Graduation Coach position. She noted that this position has had a tremendous impact in the schools and is grateful to the band for their support. The school Board will be posting for another Graduation Coach for the Geraldton Composite High School.

10.0 First Nation Trustee Appointment for SGDSB

Director of Education Nicole Morden Cormier reminded the Committee that the Municipal Elections will be taking place in October and the new Trustees for the School Board will be appointed on December 3, 2018. She noted that Stan Sabourin has been the First Nation Trustee for the last few years. The First Nation Communities whom we hold Education Service agreements with, must collectively agree upon and appoint someone for the position of First Nation Trustee for the new 4-year term. The Director will be sending letters to the Chief and Council of each community to request their decision regarding the appointment for the Trustee position.

11.0 Suggestions for Future Agenda Items

- talk more about students that are coming from isolated communities and how we can support those students.
- invite some of the GCHS colleagues to attend and be part of that conversation.

12.0 Schedule of Meeting Dates: TBD

The tentative meeting date is February 19, 2019, as Board meeting schedule not yet determined for 2019. A save the date email will be sent out to the group once the date has been determined.

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13.0 Adjournment

Moved by: D. Bottle

Second: S. Bartlett