



ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
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MINUTES

FIRST NATION, MÉTIS, INUIT COMMUNITITES COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, April 22, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.
CEC Boardroom

Chair: Dr. Frank Leddy, Superintendent of Education

Present: Caroline VanRoestel-Seward, Brenda Courey, John Van Heck (Trustee),
Gerri Brown, Steve DeGurse,

Regrets: Harriet Jacobs (Walpole Island First Nation), Beverly Bresette (Kettle
Stoney Point First Nation), Chris Kehoe

Recording Secretary: Brenda Courey

1. *Opening Prayer- All*

Dr. Frank Leddy, chair of the meeting, opened the meeting with prayer.

2. *Welcome and Introductions*

Dr. Leddy welcomed and thanked those in attendance, and introductions were made.

3. *Approval of Minutes*

Motion: (Steve De Gurse) That the Minutes for the First Nation, Métis, Inuit Communities Committee Meeting of Friday, November 16th, 2012 be approved as presented. Carried.

4. *Approval of Agenda*

Motion: (John Van Heck) That the Agenda for the First Nations, Métis, Inuit Communities Committee Meeting of Monday, April 22nd, 2013 be approved as presented. Carried.

5. *Report from Schools*

Steve Shared a resource that has been sent to the Elementary schools: “Classroom Information on Aboriginal Topics: Tools for teachers” it included A colouring book, video and information sheets on topics such as Aboriginal foods, music , sport , celebrations and contributions from the Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada.

6. *Report from First Nation Communities*
Not in attendance

7. *Report from the Board*

- a) Interim report was sent to the ministry in regards to 2012-2013 Funding Opportunities for Aboriginal Education
- b) Invitations to participate in a survey invitation from ministry : Student , Parent/Guardian and Teaching/Nonteaching Staff Surveys on Aboriginal Education
- c) Many of our schools are attending the Environmental Education Center in Moraviantown.
Other projects have been completed at UCC and St Elizabeth
James Bartleman Aboriginal Youth Creative Writing Award opportunity
Aboriginal Youth STEM conference invitation
News Release: Protect First Nations students from backlash: Madahbee

8. Article:

The article “Aboriginal Education: A Research Brief for Practitioners University of Alberta was shared with the group and a discussion followed.

9. *Next Meeting Dates*

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

The meeting was adjourned at 3 pm