

MEMORANDUM

Date: 07 February 2012
To: Board of Trustees
From: Tim Monds – Superintendent of Schools
Originator: Emilie Keane, Associate Superintendent
Subject: **Education Committee Minutes**

Recommendation

That the Board of Trustees receives as information, the Education Committee Meeting minutes of 17 January 2012 as presented at the Regular Meeting of 07 February 2012.

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MINUTES OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT CENTRE FOR EDUCATION IN STONY PLAIN
ALBERTA ON 17 JANUARY 2012

ATTENDANCE:

Irene Goebel	Leah Andrews
Kathleen Linder	Linda Pelly
Dorcas Kilduff	Sandra Skare
Elsie Kinsey	Shauna Boyce
Ron Heinrichs	Raquel House
Eric Cameron	Kody Durnford
Richard Gilchrist	Angie Kosch
Tim Monds	
Kelly Wilkins	
Emilie Keane	
Claire Jonsson	

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. Trustee Goebel chaired the meeting and welcomed guests.

- Trustee Goebel introduced Trustees and the Senior Executive team.
- The agenda was reviewed by attendees.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Emilie Keane, Associate Superintendent, introduced Linda Pelly, Director, FNMI Services Branch and Sandra Skare, FNMI Services Zone Contact for Parkland School Division No. 70 and Zone 2/3. Linda Pelly provided some historical background with FNMI traditions and customs among the 47 First Nations and the importance of developing a cultural awareness and building relationships for a better understanding of the Aboriginals perspective on learning. Sandra Skare listed the challenges First Nations face when working towards eliminating the achievement gap among the FNMI students. She also spoke about the successes they have accomplished through the designed collaborative framework. There was a question and answer period at the conclusion of the presentation.

HEALTH BREAK

PANEL DISCUSSION

Emilie Keane introduced and welcomed the panel members. There was information sharing by the panel members on the different challenges, activities, projects and leadership programs that FNMI students are involved in at the school. Participants engaged in a question and answer session with panel members.

CONCLUSION OF PANEL

Guests, students and staff on the panel were thanked for their input and information.

There was discussion on topics for future Education Committee meetings as follows:

- Twitter, blogging, etc
- Gifted education
- High school flexibility project
- Ministry supports and services
- Educational / Alternative programs

Trustees and Senior Executive dialogued about their learning and the way forward.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.