

LONDON DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL

Wednesday, August 24, 2011

FOUR POINTS – SHERATON – BRISTOL B

10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Attendance: Shirley Miller, Jesse Nahmabin, Kimberly Snake, Natalie Fletcher, Gaylene Stonefish, Barbara Vannieuwenhuyze, Linda Huff, Leo Nicholas, Bernita Brigham-Jacobs, Cathy Hampshire, Marshall George, Gwen Lavalley, Faye Ireland, Darelyn Doxtator, Olive Elm, Evelyn Albert, Starr McGahey-Albert, Jodi Branton, Vicki Ware, Julia Candlish, Sally Hare, Murray Maracle

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1.0	<p>Welcome and Opening Comments:</p> <p>The meeting was called to order by Shirley Miller at 10:08 a.m. She stated reasons to re-establish the London District Education Council. Shirley's comments included demographic information regarding the increased growth rates for the First Nation population. The 2006 Canadian consensus shows a population growth 10 – 17% annually over a 30 year period. Population growth is a driving need for change. The various levels of government have certainly noticed First Nation population growth. Certain studies have indicated that if we continue at this growth rate, First Nation people will represent a majority population in Canada by 2030.</p>	
2.0	<p>Round Table Introductions:</p> <p>Please note the list above. Everyone introduced themselves indicating their job title and what First Nation they were from.</p>	
3.0	<p>Review of the Agenda:</p> <p>New business items were added: Post Secondary Presentation and Goodlife Children's Project.</p>	
4.0	<p>London District Chiefs Council by Kimberly Snake, Executive Assistant/SFNS:</p> <p>Review of the Southern First Nations Secretariat and services offered. INAC/AANDC provides financial services for 5 core areas; Band Government,</p>	

	Financial Management, Economic Development, Community Planning and Technical Services. Separate agreements for Post Secondary and the ASSETS program.	
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5.0	<p>London District Education Council by Kimberly Snake, Executive Assistant/SFNS:</p> <p>An historical background and a review of the terms of reference was presented. Kim also highlighted the important work the chiefs do. i.e. LDDC discussions include intramurals sports for youth; such as baseball, hockey, basketball, etc. Other organizations that were developed by London District Chiefs Council/via Southern First Nations Secretariat included Nimkee Nupigawagan, Tecumseh Development Corp, Mnaagsed, Stepping Stones, Indigenous Education Coalition etc. Round table discussion ensued regarding attending meetings and travel cost involved. Identified education meetings as the need for sharing & exchanging information i.e. teleconferencing, quarterly meetings, etc.</p>	
6.0	<p>Chiefs of Ontario by Julia Candlish & Murray Maracle:</p> <p>The presenters gave an historical background on the National Panel, First Nations control of First Nations education. In depth reason for Ontario Chiefs non-participation in the National Panel process. National Panel process only looking at elementary and secondary school education. Chiefs of Ontario mandated Chiefs of Ontario office to engage an Ontario Parallel process. Chiefs of Ontario presented to the group a survey tool to gather education information that included Early Child Education, Primary, Elementary, Secondary, Post Secondary, Special Education, and Band Operated schools. The survey tool also includes: Capital & Construction, Language and Culture, Legislation and Data Management. Participants completed the survey and handed back to COO reps.</p>	
7.0	<p>NEW BUSINESS:</p> <p>Post Secondary Presentation by Jesse Nahmabin, Education Counsellor/SFNS: A review of the Post Secondary Counselling services offered and how to apply for funding, etc. at the Southern First Nations Secretariat. Question and answer period ensued however, Shirley indicated we could go back to this item at a later date due to time restraints.</p> <p>Goodlife Childrens Project by Sheri Doxtator, Economic Development/SFNS:</p>	

	This project funds up to \$10,000 and focuses on children ages 5 – 12 years old. Sheri offered her assistance in proposal writing. Contact person for Goodlife is Lisa Burrows – lburrows@goodlifekids.com .	
8.0	Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:04 p.m.	