

MEETING MINUTES

LANGUAGE ADVISORY BOARD

Date: June 27, 2023

Meeting Scheduled: 4:45 pm – 6:00 p.m.

I. 5:00 p.m. Meeting called to order by: Dawn LaPrairie, Acting Chair

II. ROLL CALL

Board members: Present: Wayne Dupuis, Janis Fairbanks, Sonny Peacock, Dawn LaPrairie, Vicki Reynolds, Veronica Smith

Absent: Sonny Greensky

Guests Present: Jeff Savage, Charles Smith, William Howes

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda accepted as amended to include approval of agenda and suggested agenda items.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Meeting Minutes started today. First reconvened meeting.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Robert Peacock gave an overview of the history of the language program.

2. Two new board members: Vicki Reynolds and Janis Fairbanks

Motion to approve new board members by Wayne S., 2nd by Robert P., approved by consensus
Jeff will bring it to RBC for final approval.

3. Janis Fairbanks asked for an overview of activity from 2019 to the current date to bring the board up to date on language activities.

- Need full list of language advisory board names, titles, contact information. See information sheets.
- Need job descriptions for current and anticipated language program personnel.
- Need latest audit.
- Need copy of current language program strategic plan. (adopted 5/2019) expired 9/2022
- Need copy of current FDL strategic plan. (five-year-plan)
- What is the mission statement of the FDL Language Program?
- Need copies of FDL Advisory Board Bylaws.
- Need list and/or copies of MIAC grants 2020 – 2023.
- What is the status of Waazh Immersion for Pre-School?

Item 3 Discussion by all present with updates.

- Form given to board members to fill out and return.
- Charlie and Bill gave a staffing update. Charlie is the Ojibwemowin Coordinator and Bill is the Project Manager. They are in process of hiring 2 staff half time each. One Language Curriculum Specialist will work on curriculum, one Master Apprenticeship.

Both positions are ½ time. Mary Mosse is the current Ojibwe Resource Specialist. One Administrative Assistant position has been reposted.

- Audit copy request pending
- There is an updated language strategic plan being worked on at the request of the RBC.

Charlie advised that there he is working on an RBC Directive to do a new strategic plan. He suggested two plans. 1) a Basic Language Plan and 2) an Immersion plan like Ojibwemotaadidaa. (OOG). This is covered in part by MIAC grant funds. There was discussion on using the SWOT approach for the new strategic plan. Bring everyone (community and stakeholders) in to look at the past work done on the strategic plan, update with current work, to bring the overall plan up to date.

- FDL 5-year Strategic Plan is available online.
- The mission statement is given on the strategic plan adopted May 2019; has not been amended.
- A copy of FDL Advisory Board Bylaws is available online.
- An update was given on MIAC grants 2020 – 2023 by Charlie and Bill.
- Waazh is not being run. The Language Program may restart the program next year.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

- Janis - MIAC Grant Overview Deadline for MIAC grant application is August 9th.
- Bill - Robert Woods Foundation \$250,000.00 Prize, non-competitive
 - Discussion: MIAC grant application is not needed due to Robert Woods Foundation funding that is expected to start in September. It is non-competitive and FDL was selected as a finalist for funding. The purpose of funding is at the discretion of the program manager. Bill Howes and Cammie Fisher developed the grant narrative. Funding details to come later. Final notification is expected in September 2023.
- There is a symposium in December. Possible reason to go for grants.
 - No discussion: noted as a possible grant effort.
- Sonny- Funds for age group curriculum
 - No discussion: noted as a language resource.
- Charlie - Language Needs Survey
 - Discussion on the need to create a survey to capture community needs. This is an action item for all board members and others present to draft possible questions for the survey.
- Suggestion by Charlie that division directors include in their monthly reports what they are doing around language and culture.
- Per Jeff: suggest taking it to Division Director's Meeting to find out what departments are doing.
- Board Stipends
 - Motion made by Veronica to request Board Stipend @ \$100.00/mtg. Our meetings are quarterly. 2nd by Wayne. All in favor. Carried by consensus.
- Next meeting date: July 18, 2023 at 4:45 – 6:00 p.m.

VII. Motion to adjourn: Wayne Dupuis, 2nd by Sonny Peacock, adjourned by consensus at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:

Veronica Smith, Acting Secretary