



ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

Kinoomaadziwin Education Body

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SUMMARY

The Kinooaadziwin Education Body held its Annual General Membership (AGM) meeting on June 5, 2018, at the Valhala Inn, in Thunder Bay, Ontario. Notice of the membership meeting was provided to the First Nation Chiefs and Councils on May 22, with a follow-up notice and agenda provided on May 28.

Ten out of 23 Participating First Nations (PFNs) were represented at the meeting of members. As quorum was not achieved, the meeting proceeded for information purposes only. These notes record the presentations, discussions and directions of the meeting.

ATTENDANCE

Name	First Nation
Sherri Crowley	Aamjiwnaang FN
Vicki Jacobs	Aamjiwnaang FN
Brittany Jacobs	Aamjiwnaang FN
Harvey Petahtegoose	Atikameksheng Anishnawbek
Bryanna Owl	Aundeck Omni Kaning
Lisa Michano	Biigtigong Nishnaabeg
Chief Mel Hardy	Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek
Richard Thompson	Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek
Lorraine Cook	Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek
Myles Becker	Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek
Ron Fisher	Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek
Yvonne Kowtiash	Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek
Chief Donna Big Canoe	Chippewas of Georgina Island
Chief Veronica Waboose	Long Lake #58 FN
Leroy Dolson	Munsee-Delaware Nation
Chief Johanna Desmoulin	Pic Mobert FN
Jessica Andrews	Pic Mobert FN
John Kwissiwa	Pic Mobert FN
Johnaa Desmoulin (student)	Pic Mobert FN
Jeremiah Desmoulin (student)	Pic Mobert FN
Chief Dean Roy	Sheshegwaning FN

KEB representatives Lisa Michano, REC #1 Representative on the KEB Board of Directors
 Kelly Crawford, Director of Education
 Andrea Crawford, Communications and Operations Manager
 Tracey O'Donnell, Legal Counsel and MYAP Coordinator



Participants gathered for dinner and introductions before the meeting was officially opened with the reading of Ngo Dwe Waangizid Anishinaabe, by Kelly Crawford, the Director of Education.

Kelly delivered a presentation to review the agenda items, which included:

- the audited financial statements of the KEB
- operating budgets
- staff updates
- head office operations
- communications
- 2018 strategic direction
- work plans for the organization

Each of the agenda items is outlined in detail below.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND OPERATIONAL BUDGET

The membership examined the audited financial statements from KPMG, which were approved by the Board of Directors on May 24, and an updated KEB operating budget showing the additional revenue received from the Province of Ontario, under the Master Education Agreement. The funding from Ontario supports:

- three full-time staff members to support initiatives under the Master Education Agreement;
- the Niigaan Gdizhaami project;
- strategic initiatives including the implementation of the student well-being assessment, graduation coaches and “learning as we go” education evaluation;
- creating an inventory of health and social services available for Anishinabek students; and,
- the longitudinal research project.

STAFF

The KEB’s current employees include:

- Kelly Crawford – Director of Education
- Andrea Wemigwans – Executive Administrative Assistant
- Andrea Crawford – Communications and Operations Manager.

Tracey O’Donnell is the KEB’s Legal Counsel and MYAP Coordinator, and Helen Bobiwash currently provides financial support services to the organization.



Four Regional Education Council Coordinators, an Information & Data Management Officer, and a Finance Officer are expected to be engaged with the KEB by the end of June 2018. In addition, a Finance Manager, a Culture, Services & Programs Manager, and an Information Technologist will be engaged as soon as possible.

HEAD OFFICE OPERATIONS

The KEB head office is temporarily located in the Band administrative building in Nipissing First Nation. The AES server has been installed and staff are working towards the implementation of KEB policies and procedures.

Finance support person, Helen Bobiwash, has set up ACCPAC so that the organization is now processing payments. Staff are also preparing for the transition away from Nipissing First Nation support, and into self-administration.

The permanent head office of the KEB is currently under construction, and will be located in the east end of Nipissing First Nation. The completion of the facility is on target and the KEB is preparing for a September 1 occupancy.

COMMUNICATIONS

With the recent engagement of the Communications and Operations Manager, the KEB has set a course of action to establish a communications strategy and policies that will guide the organization in the areas of internal/external communications, media relations, social media and online presence, etc.

The KEB website has been developed and is now live. It can be viewed at www.aes-keb.com. In addition to regular website maintenance, the KEB is working toward the creation of customized communiqués, a monthly newsletter and the implementation of regular social media updates via Facebook and Twitter. These communication efforts will take effect in summer 2018.

The organization is also working on the development of a secure login access within the KEB website, specifically designed for the KEB Board of Directors, staff and AES First Nations Chiefs. This login area will provide users with secure access to relevant KEB documents and information.

As part of an overall communication strategy, the KEB is working on the development of branding and marketing tools. This will include business cards, letterhead, signage, promotional products, etc.



2018 STRATEGIC DIRECTION

The Board of Directors attended a retreat on May 24 & 25 in North Bay. The retreat supported the development of a new strategic plan, including a new vision and mission statement. This new strategic direction will provide the foundation for the work plans of the KEB staff for 2018-2019, while the new vision and mission statements identify what the organization will strive to achieve over the coming years.

VISION

Anishinawbe Aadzwin
*A holistic learning path using Anishinabek ways of knowing,
celebrating a bright future for our people.*
Anishinawbe Bimaadzwin

MISSION

Embracing Our Past – Empowering Our Future

KEB WORK PLANS

The Multi-Year Action Plan (MYAP) has been signed by the KEB and Ontario parties. This document sets out the implementation of the Master Education Agreement between the Anishinabek Nation and the province, and through a detailed work plan, it identifies key activities and projects that will take place over the next three years. The work plan for the implementation of the MYAP is now nearing completion.

Staff members of the KEB will develop individual work plans that encompass the MYAP, the Education Implementation Plan, Regional Educational Council priorities, and the KEB's strategic direction. Measurements for reporting and evaluation are also being developed and are expected to be implemented in summer 2018.

MISCELLANEOUS

In addition to regular agenda items, Kelly Crawford and Tracey O'Donnell provided an update regarding on-going miscellaneous work of the organization. In summary:

- Canada has confirmed that it is willing to negotiate education major capital for the 23 AES First Nations at this time, not the 40 Anishinabek First Nations
 - the KEB is finalizing its major capital proposal, based on First Nation identified needs, and will submit that to Canada;



- after the proposal is submitted, the KEB will set up a meeting with Canada to review the proposal and begin negotiations on the education major capital;
- Additional discussions on the Niigaan Gdizhaami Fund took place as follows:
 - the fund guidelines and funding proposal template were sent to the First Nations Chiefs and education staff. For information purposes, it was also sent to the school boards that have ESAs with the Anishinabek First Nations;
 - each First Nation may submit more than one proposal;
 - First Nation proposals can be submitted as a single First Nation; in partnership with other First Nation(s); in partnership with school boards and/or other First Nation(s); or in partnership with other organization(s) and/or First Nation(s); and,
 - the proposal deadline is June 15, 2018;
- At two previous meetings of the 23 First Nations, requests were brought forward for the establishment of an ad hoc committee of political leadership, which would support the AES when political advocacy is required. Direction was given to the KEB to draft a Terms of Reference for the ad hoc committee. The draft Terms of reference could be presented to the membership at the fall 2018 REC meetings, where they would review the document, provide input and determine if the establishment of the ad hoc committee will proceed.
 - The First Nation members agreed to seek volunteers for the ad hoc committee on an interim basis until a final decision on the committee is made. Direction was given by the First Nations to share information on the establishment of an interim ad hoc committee with all 23 First Nations and seek volunteers to sit as committee members on an interim basis. Chief Melvin Hardy, Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek and Chief Dean Roy, Sheshegwaning First Nation, volunteered to sit on this ad hoc committee on an interim basis.
- The First Nation members provided the following additional direction to the KEB:
 - an Elder should be present at the AGM meetings to do an opening and closing and to support the First Nation discussions;
 - the full Board of Directors from the KEB should attend the AGM meetings to present to the First Nation members and to hear the direction from the First Nations;
 - the annual reports and audited financial statements should be sent out in advance of the AGM to allow First Nation representatives time to review and prepare for the meeting.

The annual general membership meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

