



Mackenzie Region Aboriginal Interagency Council Meeting
High Level Native Friendship Centre
September 5, 2017



1. Attendance:

- 1.1 Bev Ferguson NW,CFS
- 1.2 Carla Lafferty ICCP
- 1.3 Dawn Warman Family Supports Program
- 1.4 Jenny Dempster FVSD, Community Literacy Engagement
- 1.5 Michelle Grant NW, CSS
- 1.6 Rhonda Wheele CSS, AB Works
- 1.7 Sheena McKinney Parent Link Centre
- 1.8 Tej Bans Family Supports Program
- 1.9 Tina St. Germain HLNFCFS
- 1.10 Val Crosby HLTLLS
- 1.11 Val Kipling FASD Society

2. Opening of the meeting

- 2.2 Call to Order – at 10:40 by Val Kipling
- 2.2 Smudge/Opening Prayer – provided by Joanne Ducharme
- 2.3 Introductions – Name and Organization representing

3. Agenda

- 3.1 Amendments/Additions
 - 7.1 MRAIC 2017/18 Meeting Schedule & Overview
 - 7.2 Co-chair elections
- 3.2 Consensus to accept with additions.

4. Approval of Minutes

- 4.1 June 6, 2017 - Approved
- 4.2 Consensus to approve with corrections.

5 Business Arising from the minutes

- 5.1 Judy Gillespie ~ Strong Communities make strong children. – tabled

6. Standing Agenda Items

- 6.1 Action Group – took a break over the summer and next meeting needs to be scheduled
- 6.2 Aboriginal Day June 21, 2017 - round table how the event went:
 - well attended
 - big turn out from people of all ages
 - lots of activities
 - was more hands on
 - ended with a round dance that was good



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- also had a jam session that highlighted local talent
- excellent job!

7. Additional Items

7.1 MRAIC 2017/18 Meeting Schedule & Overview

MRAIC reviewed the attached document, discussed January 2nd meeting date and made a decision to have the meeting moved to Jan 9.

MRAIC thought the schedule was a great way to ensure the dates are known, provide general information about MRAIC and to encourage attendance.

ACTION: Wendy to change January MRAIC date to Jan 9 and email the schedule to MRAIC members and others.

7.2 Co-chair elections –

- Val asked when co-chair elections were to take place. Michelle reviewed the Terms of Reference regarding co-chair elections with the table.

ACTION: Wendy to put co-chair elections on March and April agendas; March we will discuss and April elections will take place.

8. Sharing Circle (not recorded) – not recorded but really great sharing and discussion, some highlights

- after Preschool Literacy provided informed the group of what they're working on, PLC extended an invitation to partner with Preschool Literacy Program
- Barb on leave until Oct 1 / Cindy off until mid/end of Sept. HLFC staff chipping in and working hard to ensure continued services.
- HLNFC president resigned and Rhonda is now acting
- soup kitchen brought back from youth centre to HLNFC because families stopped attending due to the other demographics that were accessing the kitchen
- fall cultural day is Sept 21

10. Next Meeting

DATE: October 3, 2017

TIME: 10:30 A.M.

PLACE: High Level Native Friendship Centre

11. Closing Prayer

12. Adjournment – 12:40