

Meeting Minutes Language Advisory Board Draft

Date: 2-19-25

Meeting scheduled: 4:45 pm – 6:00 pm

I. 5:55 pm Meeting called to order by Chair Janis Fairbanks II. ROLL CALL

Board members: Present: Janis Fairbanks, Robert “Sonny” Peacock, Veronica Smith, Reginald DeFoe
Vicki Reynolds, Allie Tibbets

Absent: Wayne Dupuis, Maci Martin

Guests: Naawakwe, (William Howes III), Tara Dupuis, Julia Lintgen, Jody Lockling

III. APPROVALS

1. Motion made by Reginald DeFoe to approve Agenda, seconded by Vicki Reynolds. Unanimous approval.
2. Motion made by Reginald DeFoe to approve minutes of January 15, 2025. Seconded by Vicki Reynolds. Unanimous approval.
3. Motion to approve 2024 Final Budget by Robert “Sonny” Peacock, seconded by Reginald DeFoe, unanimous approval.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. Tara Dupuis, Superintendent of FDL Ojibwe School, presented information and the budget plan for Indigenous Education For All (IEFA) that must be spent by June 30, 2025. Activities included Big Drum, Budget Shortfall issues, Hotels, and discussion of needed stories of Fond du Lac and ideas for curriculum preparation. Following a Q and A session, it was announced further planning sessions will be held with the language advisory board. Also, a planning meeting will be scheduled by Tara Dupuis with FDL Natural Resources, the Ojibwe School team, and the language advisory board chair.
2. Naawakwe gave monthly report. The written reports for December 2024 and January 2025 were sent to Janis Fairbanks and forwarded to board members.
Motion made by Veronica Smith to approve the language program report, seconded by Allie Tibbets. Unanimous approval.

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. announcements of February and March language symposiums and conferences.
2. Professional Development – board training session of minimum of ten minutes per meeting lasted forty minutes with enthusiastic participation by all board members. Topics will continue at each board meeting.
3. Other announcements – February 22, 2025, storytelling will be held from 5 – 7 p.m. at Black Bear Casino, hosted by the FDL language program.
4. Next board meeting is the 1st Quarter Language Board and Community Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 19, 2025. Focus will be completing “Letter to Collaborators” to send out.

Motion to adjourn by Veronica Smith, second by Vicki Reynolds. Adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Notes by Robert “Sonny” Peacock
Compiled by Janis Fairbanks, Chair