**Durham College Indigenous Advisory Circle Meeting**

**Minutes**

May 6, 2021

Zoom Meeting

9:00a.m.-11:00 p.m.

**Present:** Melanie Martin, Brandon Carson, Shirley Williams, Tara Koski, Kevin Baker, Cecile Wagar, Elaine Popp, Krista Licsi, Julie Pigeon, Karis Cote, James MacKinnon, Karli Robertson, Amanda Banning, Mackenzie Bodnar, Christine Murphy, Michelle Evans

**Regrets:**  Lacey King, Coleen McCullough, Erin Elmhurst, Mary-Anne Hoggarth, Lisa George,Angela Duckworth,

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| 1. | **Welcome** Melanie Martin welcomed the group | Melanie Martin |
| 2. | **Opening Prayer-Introductions** | Shirley Williams |
| 4.  | **Review of Agenda/Additional Items** | Julie Pigeon |
| 5. | **Review of Previous Meeting Minutes/Actions*** Terms of Reference updated to include action items from last time
* Julie reported on additional members from the Durham Catholic District School Board and Dnadgdawenmag Binnoojiiyag Child & Family Services who have joined the Advisory Circle
* FPIC working with communications and marketing to update land acknowledgement on DC corporate website
* FPIC webpages have been completely revised; **Julie will send out updated web pages to the group**
* **Shirley will share link to video for dealing with COVID-19**
* Consensus to approve previous meeting minutes
 | Krista Licsi |
| 6. | **Review of the Terms of Reference*** Added an internal co-chair position in the event the external co-chair is not able to attend
* Elaine suggested the spelling of “center” be changed to “centre”
* **All group members to send any spelling or grammatical errors to Krista Licsi**
* Group discussion regarding modified membership based on the ISSF Guidelines
* Elaine requested that Don be consulted regarding his participating in the Circle
* **Tara will clarify whether Don would like to attend future meetings of this group**
 | Julie Pigeon |
| 7. | **Suswaaning Endaajig Updates****Family Language Program*** Running weekly with families; 31 registrants
* Students and community members are enrolled
* Global News did some coverage of the Family Language Program

<https://globalnews.ca/news/7761021/family-language-program-indigenous-anishinaabemowin-durham-region/>**Professional Development** * Indigenous Histories and Reconciliations Modules (IHRM)
	+ 569 registered
	+ 121people have completed all seven modules
	+ Almost 1200 badges awarded for individual module completion
* Julie reported that FPIC has conducted seven class presentations

**Successful Collaborative Funding Applications** * VLS funding was successful, currently in the process of critically reviewing each IHRM module to make updates, should be public facing by the new year. Community members Michelle Evans and Mary-Anne Hoggarth are participating in the critical review.
* Julie reported content updates to be completed by September; hoping the resource can be shared widely upon completion
* Julie advised that IHRM modules are currently located in DC Connect where participants can be tracked, once made more widely available, Julie will only be able to determine number of registrants for external users. DC registrant progress will continue to be tracked for reporting purposes

**Upcoming Events*** Julie provided the group with information on four planned sessions over the summer focussed on Anti-Indigenous Racism called “Reconciliation, Resilience, Resistance, Resurgence”
* The first session will look at the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC), how far have we come and next steps with panelist Pam Palmater who will do an overview with three additional representatives; Nicole Blackman has also been identified as a participant at this time to speak to the healthcare field
* The Resilience session will focus on leadership from this region
* The Resistance session will focus on land, water and language defenders and how the public can support them
* The Resurgence session will highlight Indigenous excellence in the region with a focus on youth; Thomas Hogarth will be featured as a lacrosse player
* Tentative dates are set for June 17th, July 8, July 29th and August 19th
* **Julie will send invites out widely once dates and session participants have been confirmed**
* **Julie and Michelle to have a conversation around working on this initiative together**
 | Julie Pigeon |
| 8. | **Brainstorming Activity*** Amanda Banning shared the “MIRO” whiteboard while the group provided suggestions
* Ideas will be consolidated and brought back to the Circle and eventually shared with the Indigenization Council
* **All members are encouraged to send additional ideas to Julie after meeting**
* Elaine reported that the IHRM Modules have been approved to create a new course; this is not yet public information
* Brandon relayed some of his recent experiences at Royal Roads with regard to creating a space for Indigenous students to meaningfully connect
* **Brandon and Julie to connect on creating a space for Indigenous students to connect privately in Teams**
* Elaine clarified with the group that the IHRM modules will be made available in Ontario for now with some discussion regarding widening availability at a later date
* Brandon would like to see the modules developed into an OER
* Karis shared her experiences regarding an Indigenous Cultural Week
* **Julie and Karis will have a conversation about the potential for bringing a Cultural Week to the DC community**
* **FPIC will send out a summary from the MIRO exercise once finalized**
 | Amanda Banning |
| 9. | Shirley Williams provided us with the Closing prayer. | Shirley Williams |
| 10. | Next Meetings will take place: **October 7th (9-11)****February 3rd (9-11)**  |  |
| 11. | **Action Items*** **Julie will send out updated web pages to the group**
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