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Pahkisimon Nuyeháh Library System Advocacy Committee Meeting Minutes 23 July 2021 3:00 PM PNLS Headquarters, Air Ronge

In Attendance:

Board: D. Morin, Chair; L. Black, Vice-Chair; D. Aubichon; L. Custer; B. Flett; R. Thommes

Staff: J. Hope Howard, Director; L. Collins, Financial Manager & Office Administrator

Regrets: H. Roy, Assistant Director

1. Call to Order

L. Black called the meeting to order at 3:09PM.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was reviewed and there were no additions or changes.

MOTION: ADV-2021-07-23-01 **R. Thommes/D. Aubichon**
To approve the agenda as presented. **/Carried**

3. Approval of Minutes of 29 February 2020

The minutes of 29 February 2020 were reviewed, with no changes.

MOTION: ADV-2021-07-23-02 **L. Custer/ B. Flett**
To approve the minutes as presented. **/Carried**

4. Review of Committee Mandate Statement

Since it had been over a year since the last meeting, the Mandate of the Advocacy Committee was reviewed.



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5. Business Arising from the Minutes

5.1 SCILS / OTC Strategic Alliance

The signing of the alliance had been signed in 2018. There are OTC Seminars and training kits available for the libraries. Diversity & Inclusion 2020 was pushed to April 2021 because of the provincial election.

5.2 Athabasca Denesuline Education Authority Outreach

The Education Authority will be switching to Follett Destiny for their library. It integrates easily with other programs and it is easier to track the books going through the library. James had been planning to go to the schools to do some training with the librarians, however that will be put on hold until the virus outbreaks in the area are under control.

5.3 PNLS Website and Social Media Updates and Engagement

James gave the Board a tour of the website and pointed out several different items that had been added. It is easier to navigate the site now. TumbleBooks have been rebranded and we have been able to purchase add-ons to these for a very small amount of money.

5.4 La Ronge Barber Field Airport Advertising Signage

We are still interested in putting a sign at the airport, and will look at this for later in the year. We will also check into ads on MBC.

6. Ongoing Business

6.1 PNLS Branded Items / Stationary / Merchandise / Etc.

6.1.1 Frontier/NLSD Home Literacy Camp Supports

Frontier College and NLSD teamed up for the Home Literacy Camps this year. We purchased pencil cases, sticky notes, regular and rainbow pencils and put together 850 kits to support this effort.



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6.2 Community Outreach Opportunities

6.2.1 NLSD New Teacher Training August 23–25

James will be working on this training. Typically, he would do a presentation, however it is being done virtually and it may be shortened to only one day. He will check on the particulars and how he can be part of it.

6.2.2 Lac La Ronge Pride Parade & Festival 2021 (July 3–4) Sponsorship/Donations

We donated \$250.00 and some of the purchased rainbow pencils, as well as a number of pencil case kits and boxes of books for giveaways.

6.3 PNLs Website and Social Media Updates and Engagement

The Drupal platform is now being used for our website. It is easier for changes to be made as necessary.

PressReader gets good use.

We have renewed TumbleBooks for three years.

There is a monthly pool and credit pool of money that is being used to acquire new e-books. They are being purchased based on what is being asked for.

During the pandemic, library cards registration was being done temporarily on the website. The information provided by the borrower can be used to receive a permanent card.

6.4 Ministry of Education Saskatchewan Libraries Sector Planning

There is the promise of better internet capacity to come.

Once the Sector Planning from the Province is completed, we can then work on our Strategic Planning Process. We can have it align with the province. The facilitators that we would need to help us with our Strat Plan is still working on the Provincial Sector Plan.

6.4.1 PLLO Boards & Chairs Meeting Scheduled for Nov. 3

The next meeting of the PLLO Boards & Chairs will be on November 3.



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7. Fundraising Activities and Targets

7.1 PNLS HQ Book Sale & Garage Sale, August/September 2021

We will be having a Book/ Garage Sale with the proceeds going to the Archives, running from August 23 to September 10. Depending on interest, it may be extended as in years past.

8. PNLS 2021-22 Online Information Package Preparations / Discussion

The Teachers Information Package will be available on-line, and there will be a letter sent out to the schools, libraries, school boards and community offices to give them the instructions on where to find the information they need.

9. Policy Review and Approval

There are no policies to be brought forward at this time.

10. Other Business

James presented Harriet's notes.

11. Next Meeting

The next Advocacy meeting will be the day before the next Executive Meeting, which will be determined at the Executive Meeting on July 24, 2021.

12. Adjournment

D. Morin adjourned the meeting at 4:12 PM.