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## Pahkisimon Nuyeqáh Library System Services & Standards Committee Meeting Minutes 9 December 2022

### In attendance:

**Board:** Delilah Aubichon-Chair, Richard Thommes-Vice Chair, Marilyn Fern, Barb Flett

**Staff:** James Hope Howard-Director, Linda Collins-FMOA

**Regrets:** Darlene Morin

### 1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

The meeting was called to order at 5:05PM and the Land Acknowledgement was recited.

### 2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was reviewed and there were no additions or deletions

### MOTION: S & S-2022-12-09-01

To approve the agenda as presented

**B. Flett/R. Thommes  
/Carried**

### 3. Approval of Minutes, 23 September 2022

The minutes of 23 September 2022 were reviewed. There were no changes.

### MOTION: S & S-2022-12-09-02

To approve the minutes of 23 September 2022 as presented

**B. Flett/L. Custer  
/Carried**

### 4. Business Arising from the Minutes

#### 4.1 SILS Library Card Fines Threshold Change

At the SILS meeting on December 8, there was a discussion about the current threshold for fines. It was decided that the

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threshold will be set at \$20.00. PNLs will have a 6-week hold on any books sent out due to the delay with mail shipments.

## **4.2 Northern Library Conference 2022, October 12 & 13**

The conference was held on October 12 and 13, by Zoom. It was also recorded for those who wanted to view it at a later time. It went well. All of the documents were downloaded for future reference.

James did a presentation on CreativeBug. It will now be a part of the supplemental SERP collection, meaning we will get a discounted price for this program.

The feedback was that they want next year's conference to be in person.

## **5. Ongoing Business**

### **5.1 Member Library Workbees & Inventories**

Stanley Mission needs a total makeover since they are moving the library to a different area in the school.

Surveys have been sent out with the teacher packages to check on who needs help and what they need, however they have been slow coming back.

Sucker River had some cataloguing that has been worked on.

### **5.2 PNLs Information Presentations & Training Sessions**

We haven't had any requests for presentations since the September session at Northlands College. We will continue to let people know that we are available.

### **5.3 PNLs Makerspace Kits & Programming**

The items that we have circulate frequently. We will be looking for a second small button maker to circulate. The large button maker is just over the allowable library postage rate weight.

We are open to suggestions for other items.

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### **5.4 PNLs Strategic Planning, 2023**

We are having challenges in getting hotel rooms. La Ronge Hotel and Suites has not been suitable for people to stay lately.

We are looking at the Coronet Inn in Prince Albert, possibly the end of February or March. The travel and hotel costs would be comparable to what we would have in La Ronge.

The SLA people we are looking at to help with the strategic planning is not yet available.

We can then align our goals with the province.

### **5.5 Ongoing Member Library Technology Improvement Funding**

The roughly \$800 per year per member public library has been helpful. Pinehouse had their hard drive corrupted and the money was used to get a new one for them. They paid for half.

### **5.6 PNLs Bursary External Applicant Policy Development**

James is still working on this. It will be similar to the internal applicant policy. The issue will be determining how many retries an applicant will be allowed on one course before they will have to pay for the course themselves. For the internal applicants, it is three, and it is built into their terms of employment policy.

The application form and information was included in the teacher information package.

### **5.7 Provincial Indigenous Subject Headings Group**

#### **5.7.1 Northern Input and Feedback Event(s)**

The launch was delayed until October 12, due to provincial by-elections. There were virtual events on November 15 and 17 to get feedback on the Subject Headings. The last one was on December 6, with our staff taking part. The next one will be on December 14. There were several discussions on what they will be doing with this information. Eventually it will get to the SILS table to work on what headings need to be added, deleted or changed.

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## **5.8 SaskPower Northern Reading Program 2023 Planning**

The NRP theme is “Spark Your Imagination!”

The information had been distributed in November to get to the schools before the Christmas break. It will be done as a virtual event again this year.

The SaskPower’s grant of \$20,000.00 is the last year of the three-year agreement. NLSA gave \$1,000, NRT \$500,

Orono (formerly Cameco) \$1,000, SaskTel \$1,000. We have \$23,500.

## **5.9 Aboriginal Storytelling Month 2023 Planning**

The deadline for the SAS grant was October 31, and the launch is scheduled is February 1, 2023. There are four communities that have signed up for this. We will be collaborating with Alex Robertson for the streaming launch.

Harriet wrote the government, as in past years, to have February designated as Aboriginal Storytelling Month.

## **6. New Business**

### **6.1 SCAA Archives Month 2023 Planning**

Graham Guest, our Archivist is 87 years old and will not be doing an in-person open house. We are looking at suggestions for this event, perhaps something virtual, text based, or any other suggestion that may come up. Laura and Delilah suggested that we do a video recording that can be viewed online at our leisure.

## **7. Policy Review and Approval**

There have been no changes yet for the Services and Standards policies.

## **8. Other Business**

There is no other business to discuss at this time.

## **9. Next Meeting**

To be determined at the Executive Meeting on December 10, 2022.

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### 10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by D. Aubichon at 5:42PM.

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