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Pahkisimon Nuyeháh Library System Services & Standards Committee Meeting Minutes July 21, 2023

In attendance:

**Board: Delilah Aubichon-Chair, Richard Thommes-Vice Chair,
Alvina Aubichon, Brenda Bird, Shirley Martin, Darlene
Morin**

Regrets: Barb Flett

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

1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

The meeting was called to order at 4:30PM by D. Aubichon and the Land Acknowledgement was recited.

2. Roundtable Introductions and Review of Committee Mandate

Because this was the first meeting since the AGM, there was introductions. James went over the Roles and Responsibilities of the Services and Standards Committee Mandate and the people who are part of the committee.

There was some wording to be changed.

3. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was reviewed. The numbering was corrected by James as we went through.

MOTION: S&S2023-07-21-01

To approve the Agenda as amended.

**A. Aubichon/B. Bird
/Carried**

4. Approval of Minutes, 3 March 2023

The minutes of 3 March 2023 were reviewed with no changes.

MOTION: S&S2023-07-21-02

To approve the minutes of 3 March 2023 as presented.

**D. Morin/S. Martin
/Carried**

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5. Business Arising from the Minutes

5.1 Provincial Indigenous Subject Headings Group Updates

The provincial library is working on coordination with groups around the province.

The time frame is for 2024 to have the framework in place. The SILS catalogue information can be trickled down through the school libraries and will eliminate the current headings.

5.2 2023 Summer Literacy Camps

5.2.1 PLLO Literacy Camp Materials Procurement Grant

We purchased two anchor books on behalf of PLLO for the Literacy Camps so each participant can get a copy of the book to keep.

5.3 TD Summer Reading Club 2023

The Summer Reading Club is running now until September. The storywalk was set up at the Napatak Ramble. There was also a storywalk sent to each public library.

6. Ongoing Business

6.1 Member Library Workbees & Inventories

We will be scheduling Workbees and inventories for the upcoming school year. There is a sheet that has been included with the information package being sent to the schools and public libraries so they can return to us with any help they require, and a time frame as to when it needs to be done.

There is also the option for smaller schools and libraries to have the books to be sent to PNLS for cataloguing.

There is a system called Handy Library, which is compatible with Library World. The information can be imported by text.

Follett Destiny is being used throughout the Northern Lights School Division.

The stand-alone license of Follett is prohibitive for band schools where funds are at a premium.

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Some cataloguing can be done remotely if the school is on Follett.

6.2 Member Library Staffing Updates

Kirsten has been installed at Keethanow.

Joan Kidd has retired and we will be in contact with Gordon Denny to see if they want the job listed on our website.

Churchill needs a new librarian, since Roseanne Dery moved to PNLS.

Nick Anderson moved and there is a new person in place.

6.3 Member Library Annual General Meetings (AGMs)

Pinehouse is almost caught up. The Board Chair, who was the principal, was out due to injury so 2023 AGM is not done yet.

Keethanow still needs to get their 2023 AGM done.

We have been giving out a maximum of \$18,423.05 to eligible public libraries each year. James will need to put together a new formula to get the eligibility up to the \$20,000 per library.

6.4 PNLS Information Presentations & Training Sessions

6.4.1 Northlands College Presentation, March 6

James did a presentation to Northlands College in March on Indigenous Studies and other databases that are available.

6.4.2 Literacy Camp Facilitator Training, July 4

James and Roseanne went to Prince Albert. The venue had been changed to Little Red Provincial Park.

6.4.3 Northern Area Teachers' Association 2023 Convention

The Northern Area Teachers' Association Convention will be done at Prince Albert. Our conference will be the same week. James will be available for a presentation at the NATA conference.

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6.5 PNLS Makerspace Kits & Programming

The large button maker is too heavy to send by Library Rate, so we will be looking for a smaller one.

6.6 Ongoing Member Library Technology Improvement Funding

Stanley Mission will likely need a new printer. If it is a Dell printer, we will need to get a new printer, since these printers and the toner cartridges are not available.

7. New Business

7.1 SLA / SPRA / SRPA Park Pass Partnership Program, Year Two

The Park Passes will be available again this year. There will be about 900 passes available from the provincial public libraries and the Universities of Saskatchewan and Regina libraries.

7.2 2023 Saskatchewan Science Centre Tour Arrangements

They will be doing a tour of various public libraries across the north, with a week-long tour in La Ronge.

7.3 2023 Notice Nature Program Partnership & Distribution

This is a passport based interactive learning program. There is a lot of activity information and many different prizes to be won. The participant will bring the passport to a public library and will be eligible for a prize.

7.4 PNLS 2023 Online Information Package & Welcome Letter Mailout Planning

The information package will be going out around the end of August. James will be working on the letters while he is away. The forms will be available online and can be printed off as needed.

There will be an introduction of Roseanne, and the library planner will be sent to the libraries at that time.

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7.5 PNLS 2023 Northern Library Conference Planning / PNLS 2023 Strategic Planning Session Planning

James has been able to get the Coronet Hotel booked for our Northern Library Conference, and a block of 40 hotel rooms and the ballroom for October 11th and 12th for the conference, and the 13th for the PNLS Strategic Planning.

We are hoping that the participants will be able to have a room of their own rather than having to share accommodations.

This is the first in person conference since 2019, so we expect there will be a lot of people coming.

Phaedra Hitchings from SLN will be one of the presenters.

We are also looking for some displays and book sellers.

There will be giveaways, and also certificates of service.

The strategic planning will be done on the 13th, and we will be getting the people from PLLO for the facilitation. They had helped us with the last one, they are our intermediary to the government and they are free!

7.6 PNLS 2024 Northern Reading Program Planning

7.6.1 SaskPower Title Sponsorship Update, 2024—2027

SaskPower has agreed to another three-year sponsorship in the amount of \$20,000 per year. The papers will be signed at the end of August.

7.6.2 Roseanne Dery 2024 Northern Reading Program Modernization Proposal

The NRP will be updated to use an interactive web format.

8. Policy Review and Approval

There are no policies to review yet. As they come up, they will be brought forward.

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9. Other Business

No other business to be brought forward at this time.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be determined at the Executive meeting on July 22.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by D. Aubichon at 5:36PM.

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