



# Pahkisimon Nuyeháh Library System

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## **Pahkisimon Nuyeháh Library System Services & Standards Committee Meeting Minutes 19 July 2024 4:30 P.M.**

### **In Attendance:**

**Board:** Laura Custer-Chair, Brenda Bird-Vice Chair, Barb Flett, Khaled Hassanien

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

**Regrets:** Darlene Morin, Ruth Bellegarde, Michelle Gale.

### **1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement**

The meeting was called to order at 4:41pm by L. Custer and the Land Acknowledgement was recited.

### **2. Review of Mandate Statement**

This being the first meeting of the committee for this year, the Mandate Statement was reviewed. The reference to Adobe Connect will be removed and the updated statement will be brought to the next meeting for a motion.

### **3. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was reviewed with no changes made.

**MOTION: S&S-2024-07-19-01**

**To approve the agenda as presented.**

**B. Flett/B. Bird  
/Carried**

### **4. Approval of Minutes, 15 March 2024**

The minutes of 15 March 2024 were reviewed with no changes

**MOTION: S&S-2024-07-19-02**

**To approve the minutes of 15 March 2024 as presented. /Carried**

**B. Bird/B. Flett**

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### **5. Business Arising from the Minutes**

#### **5.1 La Ronge & Area Family Literacy Hub Funding Transfer**

We have received the contract from the Provincial Library regarding the Literacy Hub and 60% of the funding. Also, we have received \$5,000 for First Nations family outreach.

The Literacy Coordinator job description is scheduled to be approved at the Executive meeting, and once done, will be sent to SaskJobs. Hopefully, we will get someone in place by the start of the school year.

### **6. Ongoing Business**

#### **6.1 Member Library Workbees & Inventories**

Buffalo Narrows is looking at weeding in January and inventory in May 2025.

Pelican Narrows is also looking at 2025 for inventory.

#### **6.2 Member Library Staffing Updates**

Beauval hired a priest from the community and is there for the summer. He had some training from Lisa and is doing very well. Joan Kidd is scheduled to retire this year.

#### **6.3 Member Library Year-End Documents and Annual General Meetings (AGMs)**

We will follow up with the last few member libraries for their AGM dates. The Pinehouse AGM is to be rescheduled. There had been a break-in at the school and needs to have the paperwork redone to reflect the items that were stolen. Senator Myles Venne has paperwork sent in and need to have a date set. Pelican and Sandy Bay still don't have their paperwork sent in. Keethanow is also missing their paperwork.

#### **6.4 PNLS Information Presentations & Training Sessions**

Nothing during the summer, but will pick back up in the fall. James will go through any new classes what is available and how to find the information.

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### **6.5 PNLS Makerspace Kits & Programming**

#### **6.5.1 2024 Early Years Story Sack Development Planning**

This is built into the Lit Coordinator job to do this. There are some still available at the KidsFirst North office.

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

#### **6.6.1 Member Public Library Computer Upgrade (Windows 11) Procurement Budgeting**

There has been no update on this. The old public library computer will be passed on to the school when the upgrade is done.

## **7. New Business**

### **7.1 Northern Active Living Library Program (Northern Sports, Culture & Recreation District Partnership)**

There are a number of recreation kits available for borrowing. The horseshoes and board balls cannot be sent in the mail due to their weight but can be picked up from us.

#### **7.1.1 NALL All-Day Activities, La Ronge Family Festival, Patterson Park, July 1**

Roseanne went to the La Ronge Family Festival on July 1 with the recreation kits and it was a great success. There were scheduled activities throughout the day.

### **7.2 2024 SLA/SRPA/SPRA Regional Park Pass Borrowing Program**

The Regional Park Pass program has been very well received again this year. There were fewer passes available due to increased cost. We will get the final numbers later in the fall, when the parks close for the season.

### **7.3 2024 TD Summer Reading Club (TDSRC) & 2024 PNLS Summer Reading Tour**

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The Summer Reading Tour will be starting next week, with Lynne Harley as the touring author. They will be going to the public libraries in the central and west areas. The TD Summer Reading Club runs through July and August. More information and activities are available on their website.

### **7.4 2024 Summer Literacy Camps**

This was trickier this year due to ongoing labour issues with extracurricular activities. James did not do the training this year, but did send information and activity packs.

### **7.5 2024 Notice Nature Program**

This is the second year of the program. There are lots of interesting activities and items available. We will look into doing a Dene and Cree translation of the booklets. Once the passports are completed they receive prizes.

### **7.6 2024 Children's Festival of Saskatchewan Festival-in-a-Box**

James picked up around 220 Festival in a Box kits and they will be distributed throughout the summer, some of them through the Summer Reading Tour. There are different activities in each box.

### **7.7 Saskatchewan Library Association & Saskatchewan Roughrider Foundation Summer Rider Reading Challenge 2024**

This Reading Challenge, in partnership with the Saskatchewan Roughrider Foundation and the Saskatchewan Library Association will go until August 29, and will be going on across the province.

### **7.8 PNLS & Saskatchewan Library Association Northern Tour, September 2024**

We had done a Northern tour in 2018 with poets and author. This tour will be across our full region. Harmony Johnson-Harder will be the artist. She will be doing a series of storytelling and creativity workshops, working in aspects of the Aboriginal

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Storytelling Month activities she had done in Prince Albert in February 2024. It will encourage storytelling in various formats. We are looking at the week of September 16<sup>th</sup>, since she is available that week. We will also check if Wapiti and Lakeland Regional Public Libraries would be interested since they don't get funding for First Nations programming. This will lead into Culture Days, starting on September 20th and we will check if First Nations University will sponsor this tour.

### **8. Policy Review and Approval**

There are no policies for this round.

### **9. Other Business**

There is no other business at this time.

### **10. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be determined at the Executive meeting on July 20, 2024.

### **11. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:29pm by L. Custer.

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