

AKWESASNE MOHAWK BOARD OF EDUCATION

MEETING OF APRIL 13, 1992

Meeting commenced at 6:36 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Gloria Thompson, Chairperson
Lori Thompson, Trustee
Gary Cole, Trustee
Candace Lazore, Vice Chairperson
LeeAnn Jock, Trustee
Paula Jacobs, Trustee
Phyllis Jacobs, Trustee
Sheila LaFrance, Trustee
JoAnn Mitchell, Trustee
Hilda King, Trustee
Angie Barnes, Trustee
Robert Cree, Director

GUESTS:

Mamie David, S.D.&G. Trustee
Dennis Chaussi, Transportation Supervisor

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved: Gary Cole Seconded: LeeAnn Jock
The Agenda for the April 13, 1992 meeting was approved with the following additions:
B-2 S.D.&G. Trustee Report
C-5 Mohawk Language Memo
D-4 Freedom School Agreement
D-5 Maternity Leave
D-6 Survey for Assembly of First Nations
E-7 1991 MCA Audit
CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 9, 1992 MEETING:

Moved: JoAnn Mitchell Seconded: Lori Thompson
It was recommended to approve the minutes of the regular monthly meeting on March 9, 1992.
CARRIED

REQUEST FROM ADELLE LEWIS - CULTURAL EXCHANGE FIELD TRIP:

Moved: Paula Jacobs Seconded: Gary Cole
It was recommended to approve \$300.00 and suggest that Adelle Lewis approach Council and the Travelling College.
CARRIED

MOHAWK LANGUAGE MEMO FROM MARY MCDONALD:

Moved: LeeAnn Jock Seconded: Candace Lazore
It was recommended to refer this issue back to the Mohawk Language Committee.
CARRIED

REAFFIRMATION OF ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE SCHOOLS:

Moved: Candace Lazore Seconded: LeeAnn Jock
It was recommended to reinstate everyone's roles and to draft a policy of responsibilities for the principals and school staff.
CARRIED

TEACHER TRANSFER DIRECTIVE:

Moved: Gary Cole Seconded: Phyllis Jacobs
It was recommended to allow the teacher the opportunity to request a transfer to the principal. The principal has to take the request to the Principal's meeting, the Director presents this request to the Board. The Board makes the final decision. The principal can also request a teacher based on need.
CARRIED

NEW ST. REGIS SCHOOL:

Moved: Candace Lazore Seconded: Gary Cole
It was recommended to set a budget meeting and to include the new school.
CARRIED

G.V.S.S. REPORT:

Moved: Candace Lazore Seconded: Gary Cole
It was recommended to receive this report for information purposes.
CARRIED

S.D.&G. TRUSTEE REPORT:

Moved: Gary Cole Seconded: Phyllis Jacobs
It was recommended to accept this report for information purposes.
CARRIED

TRANSPORTATION:

Moved: LeeAnn Jock Seconded: Lori Thompson
It was recommended to purchase 3 - 1991, 72-passenger buses from McNab Auto Sales.
CARRIED

BOARD ELECTIONS:

Moved: Gary Cole Seconded: Paula Jacobs
It was recommended to adopt the regulations in principle and bring back to Executive Committee for corrections.
CARRIED

SUMMER SCHOOL:

Moved: Gary Cole Seconded: JoAnn Mitchell
There was no decision made at this time. A motion was made to collect more information on the number of students in need of summer school.
CARRIED

AKWESASNE FREEDOM SCHOOL AGREEMENT:

Moved: Phyllis Jacobs Seconded: Sheila LaFrance
It was recommended to enter in agreement with the Akwesasne Freedom School to provide Tuition Assistance for the 1992-93 school year.
CARRIED

REQUEST FOR MATERNITY LEAVE:

Moved: Lori Thompson Seconded: Paula Jacobs
It was recommended to grant the additional six weeks maternity leave, without pay.
CARRIED

SURVEY WITH ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS

Moved: Gary Cole Seconded: Candace Lazore

A motion was made to participate.

CARRIED
MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:

Moved: Gary Cole Seconded: Candace Lazore
A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

CARRIED

AKWESASNE MOHAWK BOARD OF EDUCATION

SPECIAL MEETING OF APRIL 27, 1992

Meeting commenced to 6:40 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Gloria Thompson, Chairperson
Hilda King, Trustee
Gary Cole, Trustee
Angie Barnes, Trustee
LeeAnn Jock, Trustee
Lori Thompson, Trustee
Phyllis Jacobs, Trustee
Sheila LaFrance, Trustee
Candace Lazore, Vice-Chairperson
Robert Cree, Director
Paula Jacobs, Trustee
JoAnn Mitchell, Trustee
Marie Sunday, Trustee

REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Moved: Gary Cole Seconded: Candace Lazore
It was recommended to approve the request for a leave of absence for one year, without pay.
CARRIED

BOARD ELECTIONS:

Moved: Candace Lazore Seconded: Phyllis Jacobs
It was recommended to accept appeal procedure in principle and to be revised and presented at the May 11 Regular Board meeting for final approval.
CARRIED

SCHOOL REVIEW:

Moved: Paula Jacobs Seconded: Gary Cole
It was recommended to have Executive Committee review the questionnaire and to have the process done in the other two schools.
CARRIED

MEETING WITH COUNCIL:

Moved: Gary Cole Seconded: Lori Thompson
It was recommended to require monthly financial reports and computerization.
CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved: Lori Thompson Seconded: Paula Jacobs
Motion was made to adjourn at 8:55 p.m.
CARRIED

Akwesasne Kateri Circle Says Niawen Kowa to the Community Supporters



Back L-r: Father McCrary, Deacon Ron Boyer, Father John Walsh, and Sarah Hassenplug. Front: Orlo Ransom, Alma Ransom, Terry Steele, Bernice Lazore and William Commanda.

The Akwesasne Kateri Circle who co-sponsored the Native Ministry Seminar in Kahnawake April 9-12th, 1992, wishes to thank the people who supported the seminar with donations especially the Snye Homemakers Club, Mohawk Council of Akwesasne and other individuals who generously donated. We also thank the speakers namely Grand Chief Mike Mitchell for his opening remarks on April 9, Dr. Solomon Cook, Elder Ernest Benedict, Alma Ransom who did a superb job of M.C. introducing the speakers and as a speaker herself, and Judy Hemlock. Thank you for sharing your knowledge and information and support in our work towards Native Spirituality. We welcome anyone who wishes to join our Kateri Circle, we have a meeting scheduled for June 3, 1992 at the Cornwall Island Recreation Hall at 7:00 pm.

We also acknowledge and thank our sisters from Syracuse, NY, Sarah "Skanaicah" Hassenplug and Terry Ann Steele who does a beautiful job of portraying our

Kateri in a monologue they have put together. Sarah and Terry have started their own Kateri Circle group in Liverpool, NY, and also had a lot of sharing at the seminar. We work closely together in developing our Native Ministry Program which we hope will be underway by this Fall 1992.

The success of the seminar: "Telling Our Story" was due, in no small part, to your support and active participation. The participation of approximately 200 native and non-natives and the attendance of more than 500 people at the Sunday Celebration are only small indicators of the success of the Seminar. Almost 2000 meals were served to those who attended. The Sunrise Service on Sunday was truly an inter-faith experience.

The forthright and honest dialogue between Catholic-Christians and Traditionalists was of an outstanding nature. The thought that this was indeed a first in North America is, in itself, reason

to rejoice. The quality of the speakers and the prayer time spent together was an expression of the need for an on-going dialogue which will strengthen the self-esteem of native and move toward the recognition of a Native Church. The free and collaborative nature of the activities of the Seminar proved that all people, and all cultures, have a distinctive characteristic to be offered to their partners. The participants themselves gave an unqualified "excellent" to the greatest part of the Seminar. The wider the circle, and the greater the representation of the four colors, the greater will be our expression of gratitude to the Creator.

We hope that we can count on your continuing support because the future of so many communities will depend on the strength of the spirituality which will be the foundation of their respective culture. No culture will survive without spirituality.



Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Programs Receive Two Grants

Proposals were submitted to two (2) Ontario Provincial Ministries and were granted both awards. The Ontario Ministry of Health and the Solicitor General's Office called for proposals through a special initiative that was being funded to seek preventative measures and training incentives in communities.

The MCA received \$10,200 from the Ontario Ministry of Health to provide training for health and social workers to identify assault and abuse cases and to develop proper methods to meet the needs of our community. Over the next several months training will be offered to the staff and community members. As well, various education and public awareness initiatives will be developed and implemented. The Social Development and Health Programs will be developing program initiatives and projects to address prevention and awareness in our community. The proposed 2nd Annual Health Fair will highlight some of these initiatives which is planned for this summer.

\$900,000 To Widen Health Professionals' Knowledge of Wife Abuse and Sexual Assault

The Ministry of Health is providing \$900,000 for 82 training programs to teach health professionals how to recognize and respond to women who have been physically and sexually assaulted, Health Minister Frances Lankin announced.

The one-time programs will increase the knowledge and skills of health professionals across Ontario. They will learn how to be more sensitive to the needs of battered and sexually assaulted women. They will also learn the best way to provide support and where to send women for more help.

"Many women who have been assaulted can't find help or don't know there is recourse," said Ms. Lankin. "Health professionals are often the first to see a woman who has been assaulted, but they have

The MCA also received \$10,000 from the Ontario Solicitor General's Office to provide comprehensive training on family violence and abuse to the Police, Ambulance and Akwesasne Child and Family Services with the goal of developing effective case management, intervention and interdepartmental protocols to respond to incidents as they occur. The training has already begun and will conclude in June, 1992. The staff have received training from New York State Police, Ontario Provincial Police and the Crown Attorney's Office. In addition, the Quebec experience and issues addressing the male batterer will be addressed. Following the training, a working protocol will be developed which will provide an effective tool to be utilized when a call comes in involving family violence. This will allow the various departments to effectively respond and meet the needs of the clients both at the critical moment and as follow up and referral is required.

The MCA Social Development and Health Program (SDHP) is pleased that the funding has been made available to address family violence and abuse issues which is very prevalent in our community. The funding from these grants will assist in preparing the staff and community on issues of abuse and will be the forerunner in preparations for the new Family Violence Shelter which will be constructed this summer and ready for occupancy in late fall, 1992. The Family Violence Shelter will be able to accommodate 10 individuals and referrals can also be received from other native communities. The Shelter will be staffed this summer and comprehensive training in operations will be conducted over the summer months. For further information on the shelter or grants, please contact Gail McDonald, Director SDHP or Hilary LaFrance, Assistant at 575-2341.



to know what they're looking for. "Next, they have to know what they can do about it." Programs being funded include:
- workshops for health professionals in three hospitals on issues faced by rural, institutionalized, senior women and adolescent girls who have been sexually assaulted (a Stratford General Hospital program)
- development of educational curriculum on wife assault for undergraduate health science programs at Hamilton's McMaster University (Women's Health Office)
- sexual assault workshops for Six Nations health professionals (Ganohkwa SRA, Ohsweken)
- helping mental health professionals identify and treat women with histories of childhood sexual abuse (Canadian mental

Health Association, Leeds-Grenville)
- Workshops and development of educational pamphlets on female circumcision (women's Health in Women's hands, Toronto)
Other funded workshops focus on the specific needs of lesbian, rural, northern, racial minority, immigrant, refugee, francophone and aboriginal women who have been physically or sexually assaulted.
Grants, ranging from \$1,000 to \$25,000, go to professional associations, health care organizations and institutions, educational institutions, community agencies and women's groups. The health professionals education program on wife assault, established in 1986, was expanded to include sexual assault in 1990.