

## **Mnidoo Mnising Anishinaabek Kinoomaage Gamig Initiative Working Committee**

### **Terms of Reference**

The purpose of the Mnidoo Mnising Anishinaabek Kinoomaage Gamig Initiative Working Committee is to provide support , collaboration, share current language and cultural education issues, and technical advice in the areas of the Ojibwe language and cultural integration into education for the Manitoulin Island and surrounding area.

The parties to this body shall consist of representatives from our member communities of Kenjgewin Teg Educational Institute. The representatives are:

- 1) Executive Director or Chairperson, KTEI
- 2) Minimum 1 KTEI Board Representative
- 3) Research Linkage – Queen’s University Representative
- 4) Early Learning Advocate - Open
- 5) First Nations Education Representative - Open
- 6) Parent Representative - Open
- 7) Grandparent Representative - Open
- 8) Elder Representative - Open
- 9) Youth at large (under 29) - Open
- 10) Community at large - Open

The Mnidoo Mnissing Anishinabek Kinoomaage Gamig Initiative Working Committee will provide advice, support, collaboration and guidance on the current MMAK initiative for our KTEI service area.

The meetings shall be held on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of each month for the 2013-14 and 2014-15 fiscal years. If it falls on a weekend it will be the day before.

All minutes of the meetings shall be documented and follow the same format as regular standard minutes. The following items should be contained in the recording of the session:

1. Date, time, and location of meeting.
2. Names of people present and absentees.
3. Disposition of previous minutes.
4. Old business
5. Announcements and reports
6. Summary of discussion
7. Decisions or motions
8. Name and signature of the individual recording the minutes.

## **Mnidoo Mníssing Anishinabek Kinoomauge Gamig Initiative Working Committee Terms of Reference**

1. Mnidoo Mníssing Anishinabek Kinoomauge Gamig Initiative Working Committee:

- a. will preserve and promote Anishinaabe Language and Culture;
- b. will support the development of innovative tools and methodologies to increase intergenerational transmission of Anishinaabe Language and Culture;
- c. will utilize Anishinaabe traditional teaching methods where possible as the primary delivery mechanism;
- d. will use state-of-the-art technologies to support all delivery systems wherever possible;
- e. will generate and disseminate information of relevant effective practices and approaches;
- f. will collect, preserve, and share written documents and audio/visual materials related to Anishinaabe Language and Culture;
- g. will foster greater knowledge and appreciation of Anishinaabe Language and Culture;
- h. will outline clear objectives, mechanisms for reporting on progress, measuring results and evaluating success;

2. In conducting its activities, shall:

- a. operate in an open, transparent, inclusive manner, in keeping with the spirit of partnership and collaboration among Anishinaabe peoples
- b. maintain a working committee consisting a significant number of elders, language teachers, and storytellers; and hold regularly scheduled meetings with this committee;
- c. solicit, encourage and consider open representations from those individuals that are involved in the preservation, revitalization and promotion of Anishinaabe language and culture;
- d. receive and consider representations from other interested and affected groups including, but not limited to, elders, youth and parents;
- e. seek advice from other individuals and organizations with expertise in the preservation, revitalization and promotion of Anishinaabe language and culture;
- f. adopt such practices and procedures as it may deem necessary to carry out its mandate efficiently and effectively;
- g. prepare time lines and milestones for all projects.