# Executive Council Learning Partnership for Mino Bimaadizawin

**May 10, 2019 from 4:00 to 4:30 p.m.**

**Executive Council Minutes**

**Attended:**

Shirley Thompson (Chair) – University of Manitoba.

Donna Martin – University of Manitoba

Marleny Bonnycastle – University of Manitoba

Serena Petrella - Brandon University

Pepper Pritty – University of Manitoba

Kaoru Suzuki – University of Manitoba

Rezwanul Hoque – University of Manitoba

Joseph Harper – Councilor, Wasagamack First Nation

**Regrets**:

Norah Whiteway - Wasagamack First Nation

Ernie Harper – Wasagamack First Nation

Ivan Harper – Garden Hill First Nation

Lakeisha Barkman – Garden Hill First Nation

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| **Topics** | **Items of Discussion & Notes** | **Motion** |
| 1. Approve minutes from last meeting | * Motion to Accept (no changes) | 1.Donna  2. Marleny |
| 1. Hiring of Project coordinators | * The job was posted and 8 applicants applied. Rezwanul Hoque is the incumbent having worked since Jan. 2019 and was interview by Drs Shirley and Marleny on May 09, 2019 with submission of his references pending. |  |
| 1. Update of project | * Wasagamack will build two houses designed with community and Architecture students and profs to be built by the Boreal Home building students. As things are slower – possibly the architect students if they wish to frame should come in July or August. Garden Hill did not get their building materials up for the new design or any design and so must build with local materials (D framed house). * Kaoru and Shirley developed a new video showing the housing programming in the two communities. Donna will use this video to tech knowledge transfer to her masters’ student in this June. * Mitik 299 Corp (Wasagamack) and Waaka’ Iigan Inc. (Garden Hill) with Shirley developed a business plan and proposal to Community Futures program to fund a Sawmill and Housing Corporation in each community. Mitik 299 has already received $226,375 for the sawmill and Waaka’Iigan is on its way to receive $219,375 (Waaka’Iigan needs to make some minor changes in their business plan). * Till today Garden Hill has 20 students, but Wasagamack’s numbers are low (4 to 10 students). Wasagamack employment and training interviewed a few candidates on May 09, 2016 to get some new students in the program (for the sawmilling and building phase). * A proposal for a community kitchen in Wasagamack also submitted to the First Peoples’ Development. Roxanne Harper and Trenton Harper from Wasagamack went to the main event, defended the proposal and won $550,000 in total for the community kitchen and education center. Roxanne also registered for University 1 program at University of Manitoba and was accepted. She applied further to take U1 through access program. * Three students (Roxanne, Jason from boreal home builders and Catrina from Architecture are going to OCN with Shirley to learn how to build a Musket Hut with others, Shauna Mallory hill, Kaoru, etc. including some Harvard graduates. * The partnership organized a proposal writing workshop at University of Manitoba on March 6th and 7th to include Island Lake communities, Little Saskatchewan, Wasagamack Education Authority and Brokenhead to provide the funders feedback and key information for applying for funding. In total, 50 people participated in the workshop. Wasagamack education group developed a proposal on Wild Rice Harvesting in that workshop that was submitted to Weston as letter of intent. * A partnership student, Anna, from University of Winnipeg wants to look at food issues. She will meet the Chief and council to get their approval when they are in Winnipeg. * Councillor Joseph asked suggestions for the use of their old school building. The new school building will be ready by 2021 which will empty the old one for activities. The old school building stands on bedrock and has a solid foundation. * Shirley described how the winning proposal mentioned a food centre, college and museum in that building, wellness centre, media production (video, music, radio station, etc.) and local First Nation police station (mentioned in Trenton and Roxanne’s proposal). Museum always gets an ongoing funding. | 1. Jeff 2. Marleny |
| 4. Finances – Fast report | * Reviewed budget – at 1,000 per student for 20 students each making 240,000 for each community (GH and WAS) in each year that almost make it 500,000 a year (allowed allocation for all work in one year, including that of university). The program has some extra money from the first year to apply to these students and other students. | 1. Donna 2. Pepper |
| 5. Next Meeting | * Another update report will be provided in the summer and the next meeting will be in the beginning of September. * More updates in social media such as- Facebook and Twitter to come. |  |
| 6. Adjourn | 4:30 | 1. Donna 2. Kaoru |
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