# Executive Council Learning Partnership for Mino Bimaadizawin

March 09, 2020 from 11:00 to 12:00 p.m.

**Executive Council Minutes**

**Attended:** Shirley Thompson (Chair) – University of Manitoba.

Marleny Bonnycastle – University of Manitoba

Lancelot Coar– University of Manitoba

Babajide Oni– University of Manitoba

Justin Loma– University of Manitoba

Trea Stromhunter– University of Manitoba

Tanzim Ahmed– University of Manitoba

Reanna Merasty– University of Manitoba

Miranda McPherson– Garden Hill First Nation

Bryce Wood– Garden Hill First Nation

Kishuan Bruce– Garden Hill First Nation

Rezwanunul Hoque – University of Manitoba

Jay Cowan– ATI (phone).

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| Topics | Items of Discussion & Notes | Motion |
| 1. Approve minutes from last meeting | * Motion to accept (no changes) (January 21, meeting) | 1.Kesab  2. Lancelot |
| * Motion to accept (no changes) (November 13, 2019 meeting) | 1. Babajide  2. Justin |
| 1. Approve of the agenda | * Approved (no change) | 1. Marleny  2. Lancelot |
| 1. Project update | * The tentative graduation date for both communities are May 2020. * **GH House:** The flooring in Stick Build is in progress. Another carpenter trainer hired by ATI to speed up the work. GH is hoping to complete (interior & exterior) by May 2020 or at least 85% of the house. * **Mitik 299:** Just got the building. Jide applied to WCB to CORE certify the workers so that Mitik can get the government contract. Safety Manual has been developed with the CORE auditor (85% complete). * New recruits had their chainsaw training last week. * GH got eight new houses this year. Bryce is currently working with Manitoba Hydro, CMHC, and Apprenticeship Manitoba to move forward the Hydro’s renovation program as a training program. He will hire five MinoB Builders students to work with him in the project. Students will earn hours toward their apprenticeship. |  |
| 1. Recent WISE update | * Tomi is working on WISE surveys. She is taking interviews over phone/email. |  |
| 1. Conference | * Students and Shirley presented three conferences[[1]](#footnote-1) in the last two months. Students will write their thoughts on conferences, which will be later published in the Newsletter. * Shirley and Bryce are going to Toronto today to attend the AFN conference. |  |
| 1. Permaculture update | * A permaculture course will be offered in Borkenhead on May 04-14. Ten people from Brokenhead will participate with University of Manitoba’s Graduate Students. And maybe a few students from GH too. Three people from GH (Ivan, Josh, and Larry) attended last year’s permaculture course. * Brokenhead is staring a farm this year. |  |
| 1. Budget updates | * Total $987,622 spent on students (Approximately 86% of total project expenses). A total stipend is given to Mino Bimaadiziwin Homebuilders (MinoB Builders) students $740,175. (Approximately 82% of the total stipend/training allowance goes to Mino Bimaadizwin homebuilder students). * Total stipend given to other students (Indigenous and non-Indigenous) students $165,675 (Approximately 15% of the total stipend). * Total $81,771 (7% of total project expenses) spent on students’ Airfare, Accommodation, Transport, Conference & other Training Registration and Hospitality, and additional Travel Costs. |  |
| 1. Next Trip to Island lake communities | * The next trip to Island Lake is March 23, 2020. Shirley, Catrina, and Reanna will stay there for a week. Jide will go at that time and stay longer. * **Design Studio:** Planning to go to the community during the Cultural Week in the last week of September 2020 and spend most of the time at Old Post. Lancelot and his students (max 24 students) will engage in projects that are going on at that time in the community to have ideas about the community, its culture, and how houses are built in there. Miranda and Bryce agreed to help us in this matter, such as renting school bus for tour in Garden Hill. * **Community Café:** Partnership has ‘community cafés’ in their approved ethics, and Jide and Marleny will work with Reanna and Lancelot to amend the community café to cover some conversation for Design Studio and FASD and women's homelessness/risks for violence. Amendment takes less time than a new ethics application. |  |
| 1. Adjourn | 12:00 |  |

1. a. 7th Annual Indigenous Health Research Symposium, b. Land, Air,Water, People and Climate Change Conference, c. FNHC 2020. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)