



**Diversity Committee Minutes – September 7, 2011
Fort Frances Public Library Technology Centre**

- 1. Call to Order: 12 noon**
- 2. Welcome**
- 3. Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes made by Steve Latimer. Seconded by Sharon Tibbs. **Carried**
- 4. Approval of Agenda**

Mission Statement – “Working together to create communities that celebrate diversity by actively practicing and promoting dignity, respect and inclusiveness.”

5. Project Updates:

- **CCMARD:** We are waiting to hear back regarding First Nation’s involvement. Mention was made of presentation by Jeff Dennis. We will look into seeing if he will do a presentation for us.
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- **Respect Campaign** Trudy and Nancy Daley delivered the first to RRDistrict School Board in June. It was well received and had lots of participation. Graphics have been created with the wording Respect! If lives here. We need have additional people trained to deliver this 1 hour presentation. Please contact Trudy McCormick if you are interested. Anyone interested in having this presentation for your organization, please let Trudy know. It will be presented at the next Interagency meeting in Atikokan . It will tie in with the new school oriented program Respect Technology, which we hope to hear more about at our next meeting.

6. Member Updates

- **Rachel’s Challenge** – There has been tremendous support from the region for the upcoming event. This will be the largest presentation in Canada. Steve now has banners for all the schools.

He is working on raising funds for the sustainability of the program with "Friends of Rachel" toolkits(\$1000 per kit X 21 schools) He has raised \$26,000 and needs to raise \$34,000. Sponsors will be acknowledged on the banners, in the programs at the public presentations, in a thank you ad, etc. It will take place on Sep 28, 29 and 30 at the Townshend Theatre and will be presented to every student from grade 7 to 12

- **RBC** – has donated to Rachel's Challenge, the Young Women's Initiative, Rainycrest, Community Chest, minor hockey 7 the Lakers, and held an Aboriginal Day at the Bank.
- **Northwest Catholic School Board** – They are currently focused on Anti-bullying(2nd Step) Choosing the Best Path – which is about Healthy Social Skills development. A teachers toolkit for Cultural Awareness. They also present an Aboriginal language speech program.
- **Riverside Foundation** – Riverside Foundation will be holding their annual fundraising event with a Mardi Gras theme.
- **Diversity conference in Kenora** – Judith Wall with Advocacy for Elderly will be here on Thursday, Sep 15. Registration through the Legal Clinic.

7. Adjournment

8. Next Meeting – Wednesday, October 5, 2011 Fort Frances Public Library Technology Centre

Attendees- Steve Latimer, Nicki Baird, Heather Johnson, Amy LaFoy, Sharon Tibbs, Peggy Loyie, Tammy Noble, Sue Carlson, Trudy McCormick, Diane Ross, Heather Campbell, Carla Magisano, Dan Bird, Linda Plumridge. Regrets, Anne McCoy, Anne Renaud, Nancy Daley, and others I can't remember.