**BIG GRASSY FIRST NATION**

**MEETING AGENDA**

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| **Big Grassy Elders Advisory Council (regular meeting)** |

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| **Date** | **March 04 2015** |
| **Time** | **10:00 a.m.** |
| **Location** | **BGRFN Esiiniwab Health Center Board Room** |

**Meeting Chair or Facilitator:**

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| **Facilitator: Romeo Duguay (on assignment in Toronto)**  **Daryl Archie Special Assistant to Elders Advisory Council – Facilitating session** |

**Invited/Expected Attendees:**

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| **Elders Advisory Council - Jody Goliquer, Angela Tuesday** |

**Smudge: Robert Archie**

**Opening Prayer: Robert Archie**

**Call to Order: 10:30 a.m.**

**Approval of Minutes: February 17/2015 Moved by: Geraldine A. Second: Stanley J. (Carried)**

**Roll Call: Robert A., Geraldine A., Stanley J., Leonard M., Patsy T., Victoria G., Bessie T., Marcel W., Susan A.,**

**Brian M., Bella A., Virginia A., Joe A.**

**Reading of Agenda for: March 04, 2015**

**Additions to Agenda:**

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| **Agenda Items:** | **Time Allowance** |
| **Brief report by Brian Major and Stanley Jack regarding their progress with the Pegamigaabo School situation.**  **Last week Brian Spoke to Jody G., Elders to walk around and visit classrooms, Stanley and him will go there. Stanley will talk about residential school, Brian will talk about a truant officer, if there is one, they (students) will not like it.**  **Brian and Stanley will work on it. Inviting other elders to take part if they want.**  **Talk to all Gr.8’s, what they are doing now will not work in High School. We have to teach them what they are up against when they go to Rainy River High School.**  **Stanley: their bad attitude doesn’t work, and is difficult. When they go from this school to a white society it’s different, there are obstacles.**  **They will make another report after they come back from the school.**  **Any seed that’s planted grows. To plant a seed in the mind.** | **15 minutes** |
| **Notice to Elders that Romeo has spoken to CCP Manager Roy Tom concerning the Customary Care Program. Roy is preparing a presentation for the Elders Advisory for the meeting of March 17. (Will talk about the state of the Family Services Committee and the Customary Care program)**  **Three Elders used to sit on the Family Services Committee, don’t know what happened, were not told about this. Chief and Council wanted a full committee that was committed to doing the things that needed to be done to help the workers. Were to be taught the roles of a FSC, they are supposed to work together and consult each other on what has to be done. It’s a 2 way thing where they have to work together. Where a parent has a problem they go the CPP and don’t always get the answers they are looking for. They have to understand the Customary Care Program, still waiting for that to start. For someone to teach the CCP. The committee and the workers should help each other. They reported to the committee, that’s it. They don’t want to overstep the workers. Will wait for Roy, Elders will be asked to help, not just one person. That’s what we need to understand. Elder says they are not listened to, it’s hard to do things. The parents need to talk to their children, some parents get angry when told this. When they (Council) start to listen to each other that’s when things will start to work.** | **.5 hours** |
| **Time pending: Elders to discuss their aspirations and plans for the new fiscal year so Romeo and Daryl can secure some funding to be put in place. (Keep wish list within a $30,000 budget.**  **Defer to next meeting.** | **?** |
| **$3000 Personal Credits**  **Language and Cultural Program**  **The elders can hire someone to teach the L&C Program and help in developing the program. Someone to be hired as an ojibway language teacher. To get the program going as soon as possible. Jody is willing to help and will bring it to the next Principal. To hire someone that is good at speaking both languages.** | **.5** |
| **Roundhouse**  **To bring up the issue of starting to use the roundhouse. Bella wants the community to use the roundhouse for meetings and ceremonies.**  **Will invite Glenn A. to the next meeting to explain how it came about.** | **.25** |

**Next meeting: March 17, 2015**

**Adjournment: 12:27 p.m.**