



2019 Year in Review

Mino gizhgad kina wiya!

Here we are at the end of another year, and the end of a decade. What a year it has been for the Anishinabek Education System!



KEB staff gathered on December 10 and 11, 2019, to participate in facilitation training. They also celebrated Christmas with a paint social and gift exchange.

Over the course of the last 12 months, the Kinoomaadziwin Education Body (KEB) has made remarkable progress in the implementation of the Anishinabek Nation Education Agreement, and the Master Education Agreement.

The Board of Directors of the KEB, and its staff, worked diligently to pursue the goals and objectives of the organization and to address the priorities of the Participating First Nations (PFN). A total of 15 events were hosted by the KEB in 2019. Most notably, were the 4th annual Niigaan Gdizhaami Forum, the Regional Education Council Fall Meetings and the 23 PFN Gathering.

On our committee front, more than 50 meetings were conducted, among seven different committees which support the work plans of each agreement. Several of the committees focus on the project-based work of the Multi-Year Action Plan with Ontario, and specifically advance initiatives related to student transitions, special education, data, research and evaluation.

Engagement with the Regional Education Council Representatives increased this year, with approximately 10 regional meetings occurring in-person and online.

PowerSchool efforts have been extensive and ongoing throughout the year, with 13 PFN schools transitioning to the new student information system. While this project has been met with various set backs and challenges, the KEB will continue to provide communities with ground-level support and training opportunities.

In addition to visiting multiple PFNs, the KEB has also made strides to promote the Anishinabek Education System in a public capacity through presentations with tribal councils, other nations, Indigenous organizations and education centres. Advocacy for the PFNs remained a priority throughout the year, as we worked to build relationships and maintain involvement with provincial and national platforms.

2019 was a significant year for the staff and the Board of the KEB. This year we welcomed seven new employees, three summer students and four new Directors. Each of these team members brings a unique set of skills to the organization.

Consequently, this year also saw the departure of three valued employees and three Directors. The dedication and efforts of these individuals are greatly appreciated and will always be valued by the KEB.

2019 SNAPSHOT

The end of this year focused heavily on the review of the KEB and the Anishinabek Education System. This will bring forward recommendations for change that will enable the improved delivery of our mandates.

The upcoming ratification of the Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement also creates the potential for changes and impacts to the KEB and the Anishinabek Education System. The Anishinabek Nation and the KEB are committed to supporting the Anishinabek First Nations moving forward.

In the early months of 2020, the KEB will focus on its participation in the Anishinabek Nation's Governance Summit, and on hosting the 5th annual Niigaan Gdizhaami Forum.

Progressing into the New Year, priority areas of work will include improved communications, the organizational review and the PFN allocation agreements for 2020-2021 education funding.

The KEB will look to pursue renewed discussions with Canada related to post-secondary education funding and education major capital, while continuing to build on our new relationship.

Negotiations will also begin with our provincial partners, to establish the next Multi-Year Action Plan for the period of 2021-2024.

As we close a chapter on 2019, we are fortunate and grateful for the dedication of KEB staff and Board, PFN leadership, Regional Education Councils, Elders and front line workers in our communities.

With all there is to be proud of, there is still much work ahead of us. We look forward to it, for our communities and our children. This Christmas, we wish everyone within our AES family celebration, rest, and time with loved ones.

Baa maa pii!



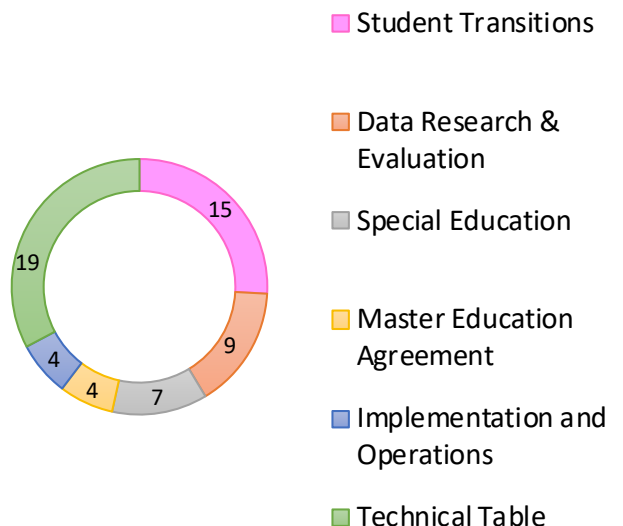
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Special Events

4th annual Niigaan Gdizhaami Forum
Joint AES & Child Well-Being Session
Maori Language Consultation
REC Spring Meetings
Annual General Meeting
Staff and Board Strategic Planning Retreat
Ministry of Education Visit at KEB Office
REC Fall Meetings
23 PFN Gathering
PowerSchool Training Sessions
Aaniish Naa Gegii Training Sessions

Committee Meetings



KEB Highlights

7 new employees
3 summer students
4 new Board Directors
23 Niigaan Gdizhaami Fund Projects
5 Aaniish Naa Gegii Pilots
3 Graduation Coach Pilots
1 Learning As We Go Pilot
8 Public Presentations