



GABRIEL DUMONT INSTITUTE

OF NATIVE STUDIES AND APPLIED RESEARCH

MEMORANDUM

TO: Conference Facilitators
 DEPT: Annual Cultural Conference
 DATE: December 18, 1986

FROM: Keith Turnbull
 RE: _____

- o SUNTEP Regina - "Cultural Arts Concepts"
- o SUNTEP P.A. - Survival in the Classrooms & Beyond
- ✓ o Dennis Morin - Aboriginal Language Retention
- o Ron Skage - Fund raising for Cultural/Educational Development at the Local level.
- o Albert Robillard - How to get involved in Education and Self-government.

All facilitator jobs include the following responsibilities:

1. Arranging for and contacting guest speakers for your workshop. Some of these people may have already been confirmed. Discuss this with me before proceeding further.
2. Ensure that guest speakers get to the conference and are taken care of re: travel, expenses, etc. (with Erma).
3. All workshops require a plan of action and an agenda/handout.
4. Ensure that appropriate room is assigned for the workshop, and that rooms are set up and ready ahead of time.
5. As facilitators, you are responsible to chair the workshop and introduce guest speakers, and to ensure that your portion runs smoothly.
6. Make sure that your guests are aware of, and get, their expenses and honoraria. (Guidelines for honoraria - up to \$200.00 for out of town guests; otherwise, \$75.00, plus hotel and meals as required).

The responsibility for the workshop is all yours. Within these guidelines you have the authority to make it happen.

A copy of the Conference Planning Committee report, as approved by the Gabriel Dumont Institute Board, is attached for your information. Please see me if you required clarification or assistance.

Thank you!

Keith Turnbull

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Attachment

December 1, 1986

ITEM: CULTURAL/EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE '87

BACKGROUND: The Planning Committee consists of:

Ed Nofield	Grace Hatfield
Alice Setka	Erma Taylor
Calvin Racette	Keith Turnbull
Christopher LaFontaine	

The conference committee began planning in August, with final decisions re: the conference direction to be established at the December 5, 1986, G.D.I. Management Board meeting. The following report is, therefore, the recommendation of the planning committee to the Board. Upon approval, newsletters and other publicity can be finished and sent to all delegates and potential guests.

- (1) Theme: The Growth of a People
- (2) Location/Dates: Originally, Prince Albert was to be the site. However, due to conflicts in that city with a Coca-Cola Conference, we found it necessary to move our conference to Saskatoon. It will be held on the same dates - Thursday, Feb. 5 - Saturday, Feb. 7, 1987 at the Bessborough Hotel in Saskatoon (confirmed).
- (3) Conference Agenda (includes names of people delegated responsibility for various tasks).

Thursday, February 5th

9:00 - 3:00

Staff workshop, for all GDI staff working in all locations.

9:00 - Discussion re: expectations of staff at the conference, and assignment of tasks, etc.

10:00 - Noon Introduction to all staff, reports from all programs to all staff re: goals and priorities.

Objective: to provide all staff with a clear overview of all GDI programs, priorities and future (12 month) plans. This will allow all staff to discuss such items with delegates and guests to the conference.

(Chris LaFontaine/Keith Turnbull - Facilitators)

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch, as a group.

1:00 - 3:00 Briefing and discussion of proposed
mandate and its relationship to self-government.
Board and staff presentation.
(Donavon Young - Facilitator)

3:00 - 4:00 Joint Staff/Board Workshop.
Questions & Answers.

5:00 P.M. - Conference Registration

Each Area will be assigned one table at which they will register their delegates. Responsibility for registration lies with the Area Representatives. GDI staff and guests registered by GDI table. (Grace Hatfield and Erma Taylor will ensure that procedures are in place.)

7:00 - 10:00 P.M. - Entertainment & Talent Show

Will include drama, dance presentations and a talent show (possibly a jigging contest). Judges will be local people. Locals will be approached to supply prizes. (Calvin Racette - Co-ordinator & Master of Ceremonies)

Friday, February 6th

9:00 - 9:30 A.M. Conference Opening

- Medric McDougall, opening prayer and remarks
- Introduction to the conference - Alice Setka will give overview and objectives of the conference.

9:30 - 12:30 Noon

Workshop for all in attendance "How to get involved in Education and Self-Government".
Objective: to provide delegates to the conference with a framework re: education and self-government.

9:30 - 10:30

The workshop will begin with presentations by panalists, based on their experience. Panalists will include Harvie McCue, Cree School Board, James Bay (confirmed); Jeanette Armstrong, B.C. Community Education (potential); Mary Pitawanakwat, Regina Indian Native Education Council (potential). Or others as determined by the facilitators, based upon suggestions by the Board and staff.

10:30 - 11:30

Proposal from Gabriel Dumont Institute re: future plans and draft "mandate", as a framework for self-government in education and culture.

11:30 - 12:30

Panalists respond to G.D.I. plans, provide input into the process. Questions from the audience.

(Albert Robillard - Facilitator)

12:30 - 1:30 P.M. Lunch (provided)

1:30 - 4:30 P.M. Workshops - to run concurrently

Workshop # 1 - Fundraising for cultural/educational development at the local level. Suggested Panalists: Murray Hamilton
Bill Fayant (Regina Friendship Centre)
AMNSIS Locals

Note: not all confirmed yet, still seeking ideas.

(Ron Skage - Facilitator)

Workshop # 2 - Aboriginal Language Retention

- Presentation of Cree Literacy Program developed by G.D.I.
- Discussion of "Michif", or Metis dialects spoken. Guests from several communities to explain how language is used in that area.

(Dennis Morin - Facilitator)

Workshop # 3 - Cultural Arts Concepts

The workshop will discuss "how to" activities for young people in the community. Suggested resource people are Sherry Farrell-Racette, Jeanne Pelletier, and others.

(SUNTEP Regina - Facilitator)

Workshop # 4 - Survival in the Classroom & Beyond
(Student oriented workshop)

Suggested panalists: Rita Bouvier, Ben Madreine, Verna Kirkness, senior students and graduates.
A "how to" workshop where students can give from the experience of others.

(SUNTEP P.A. - Facilitator)

6:30 P.M. Banquet

Guest Speaker is Nick Sibbeston, Leader of the Government of the Northwest Territories, as well as Minister of Culture and Languages (Sibbeston is a Denē Metis) - confirmed, expenses covered by NWT Government.

Head Table guests lists drawn up by Alice Setka, Erma Taylor. The M.C. will be Gerry Greyeyes. The six (6) finalists from Thursday night talent show will perform for the guests.

9:30 P.M. Dance, with Lawrence Joseph's Band.

Saturday, February 7th

9:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

Annual Assembly of the Gabriel Dumont Institute. Agenda (tentative):

- Election of Chairperson
- Report from the Chairperson, Gabriel Dumont Institute
- Report of the Treasurer, Gabriel Dumont Institute
- Report of the Executive Director
- Student Association Report
- Presentation of Self-Government education/cultural mandate, G.D.I.
- Other business

Other Conference Policy Recommendations:

- A.V., Sound System: to be provided by Ray Leibel of Wheta Matowin, on a contract basis, utilizing GDI equipment.
- Facilities and Accommodations: A list of hotels will be provided to every area. We will only book rooms for staff, Board, guest speakers, and the Suntep Review Committee at the Bessborough. Sleeping rooms for delegates, are the responsibility of the Area Representatives.
(Erma Taylor/Mavis Bear)
- Displays - to be solicited from various organizations such as SNACC, Native Women, GDI, New Breed and others. (Library Staff)
- Banquet & Meals - Friday lunch, Friday banquet and Saturday lunch will be provided. Those who are not delegates (or our guests) will be able to purchase meal tickets at the registration table. Coffee & juice 25 cents. (Erma Taylor)

- Guest lists - will be drawn up according to protocol established within previous years - invitations sent 1st week of January in most cases, and before Christmas. (Keith Turnbull, Chris LaFontaine, Erma Taylor and Alice Setka)
- Gambling - not allowed.
- Publicity - New Breed, press releases, poster to all locals (Jan.), plus newsletter and agenda to go out before Christmas.
(Keith Turnbull/Mavis Bear)
- Conference Budget - (attached draft)
Potential sources of funding include Secretary of State (\$10,000), DAEM (\$10,000), and Sask Trust (\$15,000). GDI responsible for remainder.
- Honoraria - up to \$200 for special guests, (out of province) otherwise a guideline of \$75.00.
Flexibility here is important.
- Student Policy:
 - GDI students all invited, attendance optional, but encouraged.
 - Each training centre/location to have two (2) paid student representatives if they do not have money already in their budget, to be paid from the conference budget (note: Step programs have this conference in their budgets).
 - Student bodies are encouraged to raise money for additional student attendance.
 - Students participating in the conference will be assisted to find billets.
(Saskatoon Suntep)
 - Student meals to be taken care of.
- Delegate funding - same formula as 1986, updated local lists from each area is urgent! Delegate expenses are based upon two people per local, one car travelling from each local.
(See attached charts written for 1986 Conference.)

BOARD ACTION REQUIRED: Ratification by the Board for this course of action, so that the plans can be finalized as quickly as possible.