

**SEVEN OAKS EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC.**  
**Meeting on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 4:30 p.m.**  
**Seven Oaks School Division, 830 Powers Street – Board Room / Virtual via Teams**

**MINUTES**

**Board:**

Irv Simmonds	President	In person
Avrum Senensky	Vice President	In person
Harriet Zaidman	Secretary	In person
Jennifer West	Treasurer	In person
Wayne Shimizu	Director	In person
Albert Yanofsky	Director	In person
Cheryl Senensky	Director	In person
Ernesto Ofiaza	Director	In person
Fran Taylor	Director	In person
Howard Kowalchuk	Director	In person
Maria Santos	Director	In person
Navjeet Kambo	Director	Virtual
Nicole Lavallee	Director	In person
Tammy Fraser	Director	Virtual

Regrets: Garry Alejo

**Meeting called to order at 4:35pm**

**1. Approval of Agenda**

"That the agenda for the meeting be adopted as listed."

*Ernesto Ofiaza / Cheryl Senensky*

**CARRIED**

**2. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of October 16, 2024**

"That the minutes of the October 16, 2024, regular meeting be approved as listed."

*Nicole Lavallee / Cheryl Senensky*

**CARRIED**

**3. Publication Update**

Fall 2024 Newsletter was distributed

**4. Winnipeg Foundation Report**

September 30, 2024, statements not available at this time.

**5. Financial Report – Wayne Shimizu**

## 6. Scholarships

### **Elder Mary Courchene Pow Wow Scholarship Fund:**

SOEF has received \$8,375.00 in proceeds from the September 25<sup>th</sup> event and previous donations honouring Elder Mary Courchene.

*"That the SOEF top up donations with \$1,625.00 and together with the \$8,375.00 received, transfer \$10,000 to the Winnipeg Foundation to establish the Elder Mary Courchene Pow Wow Scholarship Fund that will live in perpetuity."*

*Fran Taylor / Ernesto Ofiaza*

**CARRIED**

## 7. Fundraising Events

### **Grey Cup Tickets**

Return all Grey Cup monies/stubs/unsold tickets  
All 900 tickets sold

### **WSO Hall of Fame Concert**

Monday, December 16, 2024 @ SOPAC

6:30pm – 7:30pm Show / 7:30pm – 9:00pm – Reception

Tickets - \$25.00 (proceeds going to SOEF)

Tyler Yip asked for 2 SOEF Board Members to volunteer for the evening. Irv and Harriet will be volunteering.

## 8. New Business

### **Land Acknowledgement Discussion**

Nicole, Howard and Maria will work together to research and develop a statement for the Foundation.

*Motion to set up subcommittee*

*Nicole Lavallee / Maria Santos*

**CARRIED**

### **Utilization of SOSD Board Office Staff**

Jennifer talked about the utilization of board office staff time (predominantly Kelly and Steven). Reminder that these are SOSD employees, and the time put towards SOEF work is growing as the funds grow and with increased reliance for special events such as Grey Cup. Our structure is a volunteer board and therefore the board members need to take on a bigger role. Everyone agreed.

January 31, 2025 → There will be a Social in the Judy Silver Commons for Fran Taylor and Peter Krahn, with proceeds to the Elder Mary Courchene Scholarship Fund.  
5:30-9:30pm.

Volunteers needed.

Ernesto – at the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner and Tambuli Awards Night for the Filipino Music & Arts Association of Canada, held on November 9<sup>th</sup>, SOEF was the recipient of a Golden Tambuli Award (Organizaton Category).

Wayne – Cathy Dearden (former SOEF member) lost her husband, Howie Blatt.

Maria – suggestion to hold a fundraiser trivia night. Something to consider as an enjoyable social evening and fundraiser.

**9. Correspondence**

Thank you cards and for circulation

**10. Next Meeting**

Regular Board Meeting – December 10, 2024  
4:30pm at 830 Powers St. – Board Room

**Meeting adjourned at 5:25pm**



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President



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Vice-President