



INDIGENOUS EDUCATION COUNCIL

January 19, 2023
6:00 pm
Zoom Meeting

Members: Albert Dumont, Inini McHugh, Monique Manatch, Jennifer Lord, Jo VanHooser, Nina Stanton, Lili Miller, Marlene Souliere, Olga Griegoriev (Tungasuvvingat Inuit), Lianne Hainnu-Manniapik, Marie-Claude Charland, Katia d'Argencourt (Tungasuvvingat Inuit)

Indigenous Education Staff: Shannon Smith (Superintendent of Instruction), Jody Kohoko (Principal, Indigenous Education), Kris Meawasige (Coordinator Student Support), Donna Dickson (Trustee), Lynn Scott (Trustee), Chantel Verner (Instructional Coach), James Baker (Board/Committee Coordinator)

1. Opening (Elder Albert Dumont)

Elder Albert Dumont opened the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

2. Student Voice

There were no students present.

3. Community Discussion

3.1 Board Action Plan Priorities

A discussion occurred regarding the Board Action Plan Priorities.

System Principal Kohoko reported that all Indigenous Education Council (IEC) meetings inform decisions in four key priority areas including support for students, educators, families, and community partners. The focus of the Indigenous team is on all aspects of student learning.

3.2 Strategic Plan Toolkit

A discussion occurred with regards to the Strategic Plan toolkit.

By consensus, the items put forward to support student learning and well being are as follows:

- The creation of an action plan to establish lodges at every secondary school with staff support and furnishings;

- Improving parent engagement through connections between the IEC and school councils;
- Increasing Indigenous staff;
- Allocation of resources to protect the safety, health and well being of Indigenous students; and
- The establishment of an Urban Indigenous Trustee position.

4. Reports

4.1 Indigenous Education Team Update

System Principal Kohoko and Student Support Coordinator Meawasige provided an update from the Indigenous Education Team.

4.2 Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent's Report was included during the Community Discussion.

4.3 IEC Report, 15 December 2022

The IEC report of 15 December 2022 was received.

5. Information

Ms. Van Hooser discussed an Indigenous community event occurring on 22 February 2023. The event is being hosted by the Ottawa Children's Aid Society and is focusing on National Human Trafficking Awareness Day.

6. Upcoming Meeting Dates

Upcoming meeting dates were provided for information.

7. Closing (Elder Albert Dumont)

Elder Dumont offered a closing at 8:14 p.m.