



INDIGENOUS EDUCATION COUNCIL

March 23, 2023

6:00 pm

Sir Guy Carleton Secondary School - Friendship Centre/Lodge

Members: Albert Dumont, Monique Manatch, (Stephanie) Mikki Adams,
Nina Stanton, Jo-Joe Van Hooser, Leeanne Hainnu-Manniapik

Indigenous Education Staff: Jody Kohoko (Principal, Indigenous Education), Kyl Morrison
(Indigenous Instructional Coach), Kris Meawasige (Indigenous Student Support and Re-engagement Coordinator), Lynn Scott (Trustee), Shannon Smith (Superintendent of Instruction), Donna Dickson (Trustee), Amanda Presley (Trustee), Mellissa Applewaihe (Board/Committee Coordinator)

1. Opening (Elder Albert Dumont)

Elder Albert Dumont opened the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

2. Student Voice

There were no students present.

3. Community Discussion

3.1 Facilitator Update

a. Algonquin Protocols

Facilitator Manatch noted that she is in the process of reviewing the Algonquin Protocols and recommended that the topic is added as a standing item to the agenda. She noted that the Indigenous Education Council (IEC) should review the work completed to date.

b. Student/Youth Email

Facilitator Manach reported that she would email the Indigenous youth group to provide feedback on the comments shared at the IEC meeting of 16 February 2023.

c. Urban Indigenous Trustee

System Principal Kohoko noted that the Ministry of Education had yet to respond to the IEC request for an Urban Indigenous Trustee. Ms. Stanton offered to collaborate with Facilitator Manatch to

prepare a letter for distribution to Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs) to gain support for an Urban Indigenous Trustee. Trustee Scott noted that she will provide a list of MPP's contact details.

Following further discussion, members agreed that IEC would hold a recruitment drive as part of a Barbecue and Round Dance on 11 May 2023. Facilitator Manatch, Principal Kohoko, Ms. Stanton and Trustee Presley nominated themselves to sit on a planning circle to coordinate and organize the event.

3.2 Update on Indigenous Community Representatives - SEAC

Trustee Scott reported that the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) was presented with the rationale for including Indigenous Community Representatives on SEAC. She noted that it was well received.

3.3 Diversity on Parent Councils

Following a discussion on the lack of Indigenous representation on parent councils, members agreed that IEC could use the Barbecue and Round Dance event to encourage Indigenous community involvement on parent councils. Superintendent Smith offered to look into sourcing a list of schools without parent councils.

Members discussed the Walking School Bus program that the City of Ottawa has initiated and noted that an IEC member would contact the City for more details on the program.

4. Reports

4.1 Indigenous Education Team Update

System Principal Kohoko provided an update from the Indigenous Education Team.

4.2 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Smith noted that she would provide IEC members with a link to a shared document requesting feedback on the search for a new Director of Education for the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board (OCDSB). The consultants contracted by the OCDSB to perform the search will include the IEC input in their compiled search criteria.

4.3 IEC Report, 16 February 2023

The IEC report of 16 February 2023 was received.

4.4 Committee of the Whole

There was no report from the Committee of the Whole meeting.

4.5 Committee of the Whole Budget

There was no report from the Committee of the Whole Budget meeting.

5. Information

Trustee Presley shared that a student trustee was considering introducing a motion to increase the number of land acknowledgements and their intention. It was agreed that Trustee Presley would follow up with Facilitator Manatch to discuss the IEC viewpoint on the issue.

6. Upcoming Meeting Dates

Meeting dates were provided for information.

7. Closing (Elder Albert Dumont)

Elder Dumont offered a closing at 8:21 p.m.