



INDIGENOUS EDUCATION COUNCIL

May 18, 2023

6:00 pm

Sir Guy Carleton Secondary School - Friendship Centre/Lodge

Members: Albert Dumont, Inini McHugh, Monique Manatch, Nina Stanton, Chantel Verner (Instructional Coach), Olga Griegoriev (Tungasuvvingat Inuit), Katia d'Argencourt

Indigenous Education Staff: Lynn Scott (Trustee), Norah Marsh, (Superintendent of Instruction), Donna Dickson (Trustee), Mellissa Applewaihe (Board/Committee Coordinator)

Other Staff and Guests: Kora Jewell (Inuuqatigiit Youth Council)

1. Opening (Elder Albert Dumont)

Elder Albert Dumont opened the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

2. Student Voice

There were no students present.

Ms. Jewell from the Inuuqatigiit Youth Council noted that her organization is looking for Inuit youth to attend a youth council meeting every Friday between 4:30-6:30 p.m. Attendees will be invited to share their thoughts and will each receive an honorarium.

System Principal Kohoko noted that she would share the details with the Indigenous Learning Team.

3. Facilitator Update

3.1 Algonquin Protocols

Facilitator Manatch noted that the Algonquin Protocols should be based on Algonquin values for successful and respectful self-governance that honours the Indigenous tradition. There are currently challenges in drafting the protocols to accommodate legislation with the Pike Constitution.

It was noted that the Algonquin Protocols will become a standing item at future meetings.

3.2 Community Discussion

a. Notice of Motion by Trustee Blackburn regarding Police in Schools

A community discussion occurred.

Facilitator Manatch noted that she would share a Google document with the Indigenous Education Council (IEC) members to gather input on the Notice of Motion by Trustee Blackburn. The IEC Committee of the Whole (COW) representative will note the IEC perspective at the COW meeting on 13 June 2023.

b. Barbecue and Round Dance Date Confirmation

The Barbecue and Round Dance is now named "Summer Social" and will be held from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at York Street Public School on 19 June 2023.

System Principal Kohoko and Ms. Stanton will collaborate after the IEC meeting of 18 May 2023 to determine further planning and support for the event.

4. Selection of (One) Non-Voting Representative to the Ad Hoc Policy Committee

By consensus, Facilitator Manatch was acclaimed as the IEC non-voting representative to the Ad Hoc Policy Committee.

5. Discussion of Appointment for One Other Indigenous Community Voting Representatives to the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

During a discussion, it was noted that legislation requires the Indigenous non-voting community representatives to the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) to be Ottawa residents, qualified to vote for board members in the jurisdiction. As the legislation is provincial, the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board (OCDSB) has to follow the specifications.

Superintendent Marsh noted that she would seek the opinion of the OCDSB legal counsel and that the OCDSB would report back to the IEC at a future date.

The item for Indigenous non-voting community representatives to SEAC was deferred until the next IEC meeting.

6. Standing Item: Ministry Update

6.1 Urban Indigenous Trustee

There was no update provided.

7. Strategic Plan Draft - 2023-2027

Facilitator Manatch led a discussion requesting input from IEC members on the draft strategic plan to date. During the discussion, the following points were noted:

- The cultural safety of and responsiveness to Indigenous students should be ensured;
- The value of Indigenous knowledge and pedagogy should be included;
- The confidence of Indigenous students in addition to engagement and relationships should be built;
- Indigenous-centered learning should be at the core of the strategic plan; and
- Professional Development (PD) for all staff should be undertaken in relation to Indigenous values and pedagogy to support the building of healthy relationships with Indigenous students.

Facilitator Manatch noted that any further comments should be shared with herself and System Principal Kohoko.

8. Reports

8.1 Indigenous Education Team Update

System Principal Kohoko reported that herself and Mr. Meawasige have been collaborating with an organization in Ottawa who are interested in providing funds for an Indigenous bursary. She noted that IEC members should contact her for more information.

a. Update on 2022-2023 Board Action Plan for Indigenous Education

No update was provided.

b. IEC Annual Oral and Written Report to Board

System Principal Kohoko will electronically submit the IEC annual written report to the Board, and either Facilitator Manatch or Ms. Stanton will provide the oral report to the Board on 26 June 2023.

8.2 Superintendent's Report

a. Update on Recruitment Selection: Director of Education

Superintendent Marsh reported that the recruitment company retained by the OCDSB to conduct the search for candidates for the vacant position of Director of Education, are currently in the process of selecting potential candidates with interviews expected in June 2023.

b. Board Action Plan, 2023-2024

System Principal Kohoko provided an update and noted that there would be funds to carry over to the next financial year.

8.3 IEC Report, 13 April 2023

Facilitator Manatch left the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Ms. Stanton assumed the chair at 8:40 p.m.

The IEC report of 13 April 2023 was received.

9. Information

Elder Dumont shared that he would not continue to attend IEC meetings in the future for personal reasons.

Facilitator Manatch thanked him on behalf of IEC for his work and commitment.

System Principal Kohoko reported that Ottawa is hosting the IEC Regional Meeting on 6 June 2023 at Confederation High School from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. She noted that the IEC facilitator and two other members should attend and that interested members should indicate their interest to her via email.

10. Closing (Elder Albert Dumont)

Mr. McHugh offered a closing at 8:44 p.m.