



INDIGENOUS EDUCATION COUNCIL

September 21, 2023

6:00 pm

Sir Guy Carleton Secondary School - Friendship Centre/Lodge

Members: Monique Manatch, Inini McHugh, Lili Miller, Nina Stanton, Leena Arreak, Olga Griegoriev (Tungasuvvingat Inuit), Veronica Wemigwans

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

Other Staff and Guests: Teri Adamthwaite (General Manager, Finance)

1. Opening

Facilitator Manatch opened the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

2. Student Voice

There were no students present.

3. Facilitator Update

There was no update from Facilitator Manatch.

4. Presentations

4.1 Indigenous Education Funding Model (T. Adamthwaite)

General Manager Adamthwaite provided a presentation on the Indigenous Funding Model.

It was noted that Indigenous funding is being held as deferred revenue until the Indigenous Education Council (IEC) identifies initiatives for funding support.

To review the feasibility of building additional lodge spaces in schools, it was noted that IEC should develop a draft plan regarding increasing lodge space within the District and submit it to the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board (OCDSB) for review.

IEC members requested a list of schools with space available in order for members to plan school visits to evaluate the potential for lodge spaces.

5. Community Discussion

A community discussion occurred.

During the discussion and in response to queries, the following points were noted:

- The District will be providing training for principals on alternative solutions to suspension;
- IEC members requested that the criteria for suspensions be provided;
- IEC members noted that educators should use significant dates, such as 5 May (National Day of Action for Indigenous Women, Girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ Peoples) and 4 October (National Day of Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls), as an educational opportunity for Indigenous and non-Indigenous students;
- Members agreed that Indigenous students in high school could be asked how they would like to be involved in providing learning opportunities on 5 May and 4 October and suggested that students could plan activities for elementary and middle school students;
- Trustee Scott noted that she had circulated a notice of motion requesting the appointment of an Indigenous Student Trustee that will be brought forward to the 17 October 2023 Committee of the Whole (COW) meeting. She requested that IEC members provide feedback in advance of the meeting; and
- Facilitator Manatch noted that she plans to contact Elaine Johnston, an Indigenous Trustee with the Algoma District School Board, to seek her perspective on IEC's goal of achieving an Urban Indigenous Trustee position.

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

Facilitator Manatch noted the necessity for IEC to appoint Indigenous Community Voting Representatives to the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC).

Superintendent Smith and Trustee Presley will research the residential requirement to sit as a voting representative to SEAC and report back at a future date.

IEC members agreed that the Council should appoint two Indigenous representatives to SEAC in the interim.

Superintendent Smith will work with Board Services to plan a campaign to attract applicants.

7. Reports

7.1 Indigenous Education Team Update

System Principal Jody Kohoko provided an update.

It was noted that the Original Voices Youth Council could provide input on the Indigenous Student Trustee motion.

7.2 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Smith noted that 4 October 2023 is the National Day of Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. IEC members are invited to provide feedback on how the District can respectfully observe the day while not unintentionally setting triggers for Indigenous students and staff. Members can provide feedback by emailing Superintendent Smith and System Principal Kohoko.

Superintendent Smith will send an email to invite IEC members to participate in a work circle to discuss the Indigenous Education Policy. The policy is scheduled for future review by the Ad Hoc Policy Review Committee. The IEC representative for the Ad Hoc Policy Review Committee can bring input from IEC members to the committee meetings during the policy review

7.3 IEC Report, 18 May 2023

The IEC report of 18 May 2023 was received.

7.4 Ad Hoc Policy Committee

Facilitator Manatch provided a report on the Ad Hoc Policy Review Committee. She noted that the next meeting of the Ad Hoc Policy Review Committee is on 12 October 2023 which is the International Day of Indigenous Women. Trustee Presley noted that she would look into having the meeting rescheduled

8. Standing Items

8.1 Algonquin Protocols

There was no update on the Algonquin Protocols.

8.2 Ministry Update

There was no Ministry update.

9. Information

It was noted that Facilitator Manatch and Superintendent Smith will look into how to incorporate Indigenous involvement in the Land Acknowledgements at OCDSB Board and Committee meetings.

Trustee Scott noted that she would attend an event where the Algoma District School Board Indigenous Trustee, Elaine Johnston would be in attendance. She noted that Facilitator Manatch should advise her of any item she would like to bring forward on behalf of IEC.

10. Upcoming Meeting Dates

The upcoming meeting dates were provided for information.

11. Closing

Facilitator Manatch offered a closing at 8:29 p.m.