



INDIGENOUS EDUCATION COUNCIL

October 19, 2023

6:00 pm

Sir Guy Carleton Secondary School - Friendship Centre/Lodge

Members: Monique Manatch, Inini McHugh, Lili Miller, Nina Stanton, Katia d'Argencourt (Tungasuvvingat Inuit), Olga Griegoriev (Tungasuvvingat Inuit), Jo-Joe Van Hooser, Veronica Wemigwans, Donna Dickson (Trustee), Amanda Presley (Trustee), Lynn Scott (Trustee)

Indigenous Education Staff: Jody Kohoko (System Principal, Indigenous Support), Kareena Butler (Educator, Indigenous Support), Kris Meawasige (Coordinator, Indigenous Student Support), Chantel Verner (Instructional Coach)

Other Staff and Guests: Shannon Smith (Superintendent of Instruction), Shawn Lehman (Superintendent of Instruction), Alysha Aziz (Trustee), Marc Slesar (Principal, Emily Carr Middle School), Holly Alguire, Mellissa Applewaihe (Board/Committee Coordinator)

1. Opening

Facilitator Manatch opened the meeting at 6: 20 p.m.

2. Facilitator Update

2.1 Written Reports

Facilitator Manatch noted that future updates will be provided as written reports prior to Indigenous Education Council (IEC) meetings. The reports will include the Facilitator Update, Indigenous Education Team Update, the Superintendent's Report, and reports from Committee of the Whole and Committee of the Whole Budget representatives.

2.2 Algonquin Protocols

Facilitator Manatch noted that she would like to review the Indigenous approach to the Algonquin Protocols by setting up circles outside of IEC meetings. She requested that members interested in participating should email her directly.

3. Student Voice

There were no students present.

4. Community Discussion

A discussion on increasing Indigenous student involvement on IEC occurred.

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

- Members suggested various strategies to reach students, such as including upcoming IEC meetings during morning announcements in schools;
- IEC members would like to encourage participation from the Indigenous youth group Original Voices and investigate social media platforms popular with youth; and
- It was noted that students interested in attending IEC meetings could be engaged with before the meeting to ensure they understand the meeting process and to make them feel more welcome.

4.1 Bullying Intervention Plan (M. Slesar)

Principal Slesar provided a presentation on the consultation process for the Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan.

4.2 Discussion on Honorarium for IEC Members

A private discussion took place regarding honorariums for IEC members.

4.3 Communications

Communications was deferred to the next IEC meeting.

5. Update: Indigenous Community Voting Representative to the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

Facilitator Manatch noted that planning for a recruitment campaign to attract Indigenous representatives to sit on the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) is in progress. She noted that as SEAC meetings are public, IEC members are free to attend but will be unable to participate in discussions.

6. Update on Indigenous Self-Identification Policy

Superintendent Smith noted that a working circle will be held to focus on the Indigenous Self-Identification Policy. IEC members interested in participating should contact her directly.

7. Reports

7.1 Indigenous Education Team Update

System Principal Kohoko provided the following information:

- An Indigenous Family and Student barbeque will be held on 12 October 2023 at Vincent Massey Park; and
- 5 November to 11 November 2023 is Treaties Recognition Week, and the Indigenous Education Team will be providing resources in recognition of the week.

7.2 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Smith provided an update.

7.3 IEC Report, 21 September 2023

The IEC report of 21 September 2023 was received.

8. Information

Facilitator Manatch reported that she had connected with Elaine Johnston, the Indigenous trustee from the Algoma District School Board to arrange a meeting.

9. Upcoming Meeting Dates

The upcoming meeting dates were provided for information.

10. Closing

Facilitator Manatch offered a closing at 8:45 p.m.