



## INDIGENOUS EDUCATION COUNCIL

January 18, 2024  
6:00 pm  
Zoom Meeting

Members: Monique Manatch, Inini McHugh, Lili Miller, Nina Stanton, (Stephanie) Mikki Adams, Katia d'Argencourt (Tungasuvvingat Inuit), Marie-Claude Charland, Olga Griegoriev (Tungasuvvingat Inuit), Veronica Wemigwans, Chantel Verner (Vice-Principal, York Street PS), Justine Bell (Trustee, by electronic communication), Donna Dickson (Trustee)

Other Staff and Guests: Shannon Smith (Superintendent of Instruction), Lynn Scott (Trustee), Kyrstin Dumont, Engy Abdel-Masieh (Policy Analyst), Desirrea Meney (Policy Analyst), Mellissa Applewaihe (Board/Committee Coordinator)

1. Opening

Facilitator Manatch opened the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

2. Student Voice

There were no students present.

3. Community Discussion

A community discussion occurred.

3.1 Algonquin Protocols

Facilitator Manatch noted that work is ongoing to establish a framework approach for revisions to the Algonquin Protocols.

Members noted that appropriate second language assessments are critical in ensuring the best program placement for student success.

Members suggested that a review that provides clear recommendations regarding the graduation rate for Indigenous students is required.

Facilitator Manatch suggested that the Human Rights and Equity Advisor be invited to a future IEC meeting for a discussion with members and noted that the IEC could draft a letter of opinion regarding Human Rights and Equity to the Board of Trustees following that discussion.

IEC members discussed their collective empathy and support regarding global events and voiced concerns about the impact for affected OCDSB students. Trustee Scott noted that she would raise this with staff.

#### 4. Matters for Action

##### 4.1 Appointment of Indigenous Representatives to the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

Facilitator Manatch noted that a Membership Circle had convened to review applications for an Indigenous community representative to the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) and recommended that Waneek Horn-Miller be appointed as an Indigenous community representative to SEAC.

By consensus, members agreed that Waneek Horn-Miller be appointed as an Indigenous community representative to SEAC.

##### 4.2 Indigenous Self-Identification Policy

Facilitator Manatch noted that several IEC members and OCDSB staff met to discuss revisions to Policy P.071.GOV, Indigenous Self-Identification.

Facilitator Manatch requested that IEC members provide comments and approval to the revisions that she intends to present to the Ad Hoc Policy Review Committee on 8 February 2024.

##### 4.3 Student Trustee Policy

Facilitator Manatch noted that Policy P.017.GOV, Student Trustees should include reference to the relationship between student trustees and the IEC.

IEC members suggested that the policy language should be clear and accessible.

It was agreed that staff would circulate upcoming meeting dates for the Ad Hoc Policy Review Committee to IEC members.

#### 5. Presentations

There were no presentations.

#### 6. Reports

##### 6.1 Facilitator Update

Facilitator Manatch provided an update and requested that staff provide an overview to IEC members regarding an upcoming Identity-Based Data survey.

Facilitator Manatch requested that staff confirm whether the Research, Analytics and Evaluation Team (READ) team would consider additional IEC member feedback from the 15 February 2024 meeting.

Facilitator Manatch noted that the establishment of a Circle of Elders should be included on the upcoming IEC agenda.

6.2 Indigenous Education Team Update

Superintendent Smith announced that Indigenous positions for Algonquin and Inuktitut language specialists will be re-posted to include external applicants. Staff will circulate the details to IEC members when available.

Superintendent Smith noted that she would discuss how to reach the wider Indigenous community at her next meeting with Romaine Mitchell from the Ministry of Education's Indigenous Education Office (MOE, EDU).

6.3 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Smith provided an update and requested feedback regarding the revisions to Policy P113.GOV, Student Senate. Staff noted that they would review the suggestion that an Indigenous Student Trustee could co-chair Student Senate meetings, in collaboration with the existing Student Trustees.

It was noted that staff would work with Facilitator Manatch to discuss the possibility of an alternate meeting location.

6.4 IEC Report, 14 December 2023

Chantel Verner requested that her job title be corrected.

The IEC report of 14 December 2023 was received, as amended.

7. Information

There were no matters for information.

8. Upcoming Meeting Dates

The upcoming meeting dates were provided for information.

9. Closing

Facilitator Manatch offered a closing at 7:52 p.m.