



INDIGENOUS EDUCATION COUNCIL

December 14, 2023

6:00 pm

Sir Guy Carleton Secondary School - Friendship Centre/Lodge

Members: Monique Manatch, Inini McHugh, Nina Stanton, Katia d'Argencourt (Tungasuvvingat Inuit), Olga Griegoriev (Tungasuvvingat Inuit), Jo-Joe Van Hooser, Chantel Verner (Vice-Principal, York Street Public School), Donna Dickson (Trustee), Amanda Presley (Trustee), Lynn Scott (Trustee)

Indigenous Education Staff: Kris Meawasige (Indigenous Student Support and Re-engagement Coordinator)

Other Staff and Guests: Pino Buffone (Director of Education), Shannon Smith (Superintendent of Instruction), Natasha Batt, Waneek Horn-Miller, Annika Conboy, Kyrstin Dumont, Niquita Thomas, Christine Keeshig, Jonah Keeshig, Mellissa Applewaihe (Board/Committee Coordinator)

1. Opening

Facilitator Manatch opened the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

2. Student Voice

There were no students present.

3. Welcome: New IEC Visitors

Facilitator Manatch introduced Director Buffone to Indigenous Education Council (IEC) members.

Facilitator Manatch welcomed the visitors in attendance to the IEC.

4. Reports

4.1 Facilitator Update

Facilitator Manatch noted that work on the Indigenous Self-Identification policy is progressing. She requested that the draft be shared with IEC members in the future. Facilitator Manatch noted that members should send comments and recommendations for changes to herself.

Facilitator Manatch requested that the 11 December 2023 COW Budget minutes be distributed to IEC members when available.

4.2 Indigenous Education Team Update

Superintendent Smith announced the appointment of Kris Meawasige as Team Manager of Indigenous Education.

4.3 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Smith provided an update and noted that the Indigenous Team is recruiting four Indigenous student support coordinators. The job advertisements are open and will close for applications on 8 January 2024.

In response to a suggestion, Superintendent Smith noted that she would consider language in future job descriptions for Indigenous applicants be presented in a clear, simple and inclusive manner that recognizes experience outside and beyond an official college designation.

Superintendent Smith noted that as part of the ongoing work on revisions to P017.GOV Student Trustee policy, sharing circles will be held at secondary schools in January 2024.

4.4 Committee Reports

a. Committee of the Whole

Trustee Scott provided an update from the 5 December 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting.

4.5 IEC Report, 9 November 2023

Trustee Presley requested that her name be added to the attendance.

The IEC report of 9 November 2023 was received, as amended.

5. Community Discussion

A community discussion occurred.

5.1 Appointment of Volunteer Trustees to IEC

By unanimous consent, Trustees Dickson, Presley and Bell were appointed as volunteer trustees to IEC for a term commencing 14 November 2023, ending 15 November 2024.

5.2 Circle of Elders to Support Board/Committee of the Whole Meetings

Superintendent Smith noted that she is in the process of clarifying a possible elder role regarding Board and committee meetings. The establishment of a circle of elders could be considered ahead of this.

5.3 Honoraria for IEC Members and Establishment of Membership Circle

Superintendent Smith provided an update.

5.4 Indigenous Self-Identification Working Circle Update

Facilitator Manatch noted that IEC members are required to form a membership circle. She requested that members interested email Superintendent Smith.

5.5 Protocol for New IEC Members

Facilitator Manatch noted that once established, the membership circle will develop a protocol for new members. She advised that a protocol is planned to be in place by early 2024.

6. Presentations

There were no presentations.

7. Communications

7.1 Indigenous Representative to Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Campaign Update

Superintendent Smith reported that the membership campaign is underway.

It was noted that there had been a budgetary discussion at the 6 December Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) meeting and that it will be important to have an Indigenous voice involved in the decision-making process.

8. Information

There are two upcoming human trafficking conferences in 2024:

Traffic Jam- Uprooting Traffic: Paving the Way to Change on 20-21 February 2024 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Indigenous Anti-Human Trafficking Awareness hosted by Minwaashin Lodge on 22 February 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

9. Upcoming Meeting Dates

The upcoming meeting dates were provided for information.

10. Closing

Facilitator Manatch offered a closing at 8:17 p.m.