



INDIGENOUS EDUCATION COUNCIL

**April 18, 2024
6:00 pm
Gloucester High School
2060 Ogilvie Road
Ottawa, Ontario**

Members: Monique Manatch, Inini McHugh, Lili Miller, Nina Stanton, 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: Jody Kohoko (System Principal, Indigenous Support), Kareena Butler (Educator, Indigenous Support), Kris Meawasige (Indigenous Student Support and Re-engagement Coordinator), Kyl Morrison, Jade Desjardins (Indigenous Student Support Coordinator), Jasmine Doig (Graduation Coach, Indigenous Support), Justin Kewaquado (Graduation Coach, Indigenous Support), Gina Louttit (Indigenous Student Support Coordinator), Ginnifer Menominee (Indigenous Language Lead Coordinator), Nimkeehns Wemigwans (Indigenous Student Support Coordinator)

Other Staff and Guests: Pino Buffone (Director of Education), Kyrstin Dumont, Annika Conboy, Mellissa Applewaihe (Board/Committee Coordinator)

1. Opening (Algonquin Knowledge Keeper, Monique Manatch)
Facilitator Manatch opened the meeting at 6:40 p.m. and conducted a roundtable of introductions.
2. Student Voice
There were no students present.
3. Community Discussion
A community discussion occurred.
4. Board Action Plan
Facilitator Manatch requested that the Strategic Plan be sent to all Indigenous Education Council (IEC) members.

5. Presentations

5.1 Elementary Program Review (P. Buffone)

Director Buffone provided an overview of Report 24-052, Elementary Program Review, which the Board of Trustees approved at the Committee of the Whole (COW) meeting on 2 April 2024.

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

- Trustees and senior staff identified that a program review at the elementary level was a priority focus for the District as part of the renewed strategic plan;
- The District plans to undertake a consultation process between April and June 2024 to inform a potential program model(s) conceptualized for recommendation to trustees in the fall of the 2024;
- It was noted that a disproportionate number of students that are marginalized or facing other barriers are streamed into the English program track at a young age; and
- It was noted that the renewal of the Indigenous, Equity and Human Rights Roadmap will assist in the development of culturally-relevant and responsive educational practices.

Facilitator Manatch requested that this item be added to the 16 May 2024 IEC agenda for further discussion.

6. Reports

6.1 Facilitator Update

a. Location of Meetings - In-Person and Other Locations

Facilitator Manatch noted that further discussion regarding the membership circles would be required at a future date and advised that she would circulate an email regarding the circles to members.

b. Membership Circle Discussion

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6.2 Indigenous Education Team Update

System Principal Kohoko provided an update. She noted that the team has completed instructional coach interviews and will be interviewing for Inuktituk language specialists and an additional Indigenous identity-

specific social worker. The Algonquin language specialist vacancy will be reposted.

6.3 Superintendent's Report

a. Renewal: Indigenous, Equity and Human Rights Roadmap

This item was deferred to the 16 May 2024 meeting.

b. Recent Job Posting Discussion - Indigenous Principal, Instructional Coach

A discussion occurred regarding the position of System Principal, Indigenous Support.

Director Buffone noted that he would take member comments into consideration and follow up at the next meeting of the IEC.

6.4 IEC Report, 21 March 2024

The IEC report of 21 March 2024 was received.

The meeting went in camera at 9:15 p.m.

7. In Camera Discussion

A community discussion occurred.

8. Upcoming Meeting Dates

The upcoming meeting date was provided for information.

9. Closing (Algonquin Knowledge Keeper, Monique Manatch)

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.