



**INDIGENOUS EDUCATION COUNCIL**

**September 19, 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), Jennifer Lord, Jo-Joe Van Hooser (Children’s Aid Society of Ottawa), Veronica Wemigwans, Kyl Morrison (Instructional Coach, Indigenous Education), Chantel Verner (System Principal, Indigenous Education), Donna Dickson (Trustee), Lynn Scott (Trustee)

**Indigenous Education Staff:** Jody Kohoko (Principal, Urban Aboriginal Alternate High School), Kareena Butler (Educator, Indigenous Support), Kris Meawasige (Indigenous Student Support and Re-engagement Coordinator), Nimkeehns Wemigwans (Indigenous Student Support Coordinator), Laura Verniest (Social Worker), Allison Papineau (Indigenous Student Support Coordinator), Jade Desjardins (Indigenous Student Support Coordinator), Julie-Therese Ivalu (Teacher), Ruby Blake (Indigenous Student Support Coordinator), Frankie Lafrance (Graduation Coach, Indigenous Support), Shelby Thorton (Social Worker, Learning Support Services), Valentina de Krom, Justin Kewaquado (Graduation Coach, Indigenous Support), Rhema Tibbetts (Indigenous Student Support Worker)

**Other Staff and Guests:** Ezio De Stefano (Student Trustee), Jesse Mark (Executive Officer, Corporate Services), Kristin Riddell (Superintendent of Education), Kathy Mak (Board/Committee Coordinator)

1. Opening

Facilitator Manatch opened the meeting at 6:38 p.m. and conducted a roundtable of introductions.

2. Student Voice

Student Trustee Ezio De Stefano shared her experience as an Indigenous student and suggested that additional support and advocacy for resources available to Indigenous students be considered. Two students from the

Indigenous Summer Learning Program shared their positive experience in their participation within the program.

\*\*\*The meeting recessed at 7:25 p.m.\*\*\*

\*\*\*The meeting resumed at 7:40 p.m. \*\*\*

### 3. Reports

#### 3.1 Indigenous Education Team Update

Principal Kohoko provided an update and noted that there are two additional members to the Indigenous Education Team.

Superintendent Riddell noted that the IEC will discuss building staff capacity to support students at the 17 October 2024 meeting.

System Principal Verner noted that a memorandum was sent out on 11 September 2024 informing educators of available resources to support Powley Day learning for the school year. In addition, a Truth and Reconciliation memorandum was distributed to staff on 16 September 2024.

#### 3.2 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Riddell provided her superintendent's report.

It was noted that Superintendent Riddell aims to collaborate with Superintendent Farrish to review the Indigenous Human Rights and Equity Roadmap (Roadmap). She added that there are a number of items included in the long range Board Work Plan including a lodge in elementary school in new builds and a smudging policy that can be implemented within the 2024-2025 school year.

Facilitator Manatch requested that the Roadmap review and student honoraria be included in a future IEC meeting agenda.

#### 3.3 IEC Report, 23 May 2024

The IEC report of 23 May 2023 was received.

#### 3.4 Facilitator's Report

##### a. IEC Membership Expansion

Facilitator Manatch requested that IEC members provide input regarding the circles they would like to incorporate at the beginning of meetings through email by 27 September 2024. She noted that a draft will be sent out once all input has been received.

Facilitator Manatch noted that at the end of each meeting, she would like the committee to have a sharing circle for the purpose of conducting confidential discussions in a safe space.

b. Algonquin Protocol

There was no update on the Algonquin Protocols.

4. Presentations

There were no presentations.

5. Community Discussion

A community discussion occurred.

6. Upcoming Meeting Dates

The upcoming meeting dates were provided for information.

Superintendent Riddell noted that a Google Calendar Invite could be sent to members for future IEC meetings.

Facilitator Manatch suggested that an additional IEC meeting date be added in December 2024.

In response to a query from Facilitator Manatch requesting that a list of consultation dates for the Elementary Program Review be provided, Trustee Scott clarified that the meeting, date and location will be advertised publicly.

7. Sharing Circle

No sharing circle occurred.

8. Closing

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