

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Superior North Catholic District School Board is committed to deliver programs and services that meet the needs of all students. It is the policy of the Superior North Catholic District School Board to seek advice on meeting the unique needs of the students, through a Christ-centred approach to education. Superior North Catholic DSB will seek the advice of the Aboriginal community through the establishment of the Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee.

Committee Membership:

The Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee is established by the resolution of the Superior North Catholic District School Board.

Normally, the committee should be comprised of the following:

- Representation from the Principal group.
- Representation from the group of Trustees.
- Parent representation.
- Representation from all First Nations closely linked to our area schools.
- Representation from Inuit and Metis groups where possible, in order to support the Aboriginal Framework Policy.
- Representation from the local teachers' federation.
- Director or designate.

Mandate:

The mandate of the Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee is to advise the Board on matters relating to the education of Aboriginal students. The mandate includes:

- a) Increasing the cultural awareness of all Board Trustees and personnel, through professional development and/or other related activities.
- b) Expanding the awareness of effective programs for the educational needs of Aboriginal students.
- c) Facilitating initiatives for all Aboriginal students.
- d) Providing advice on initiatives, including but not limited to, student programs, Aboriginal studies, student retention and alternative education programs.
- e) Developing and enhancing partnerships with community based agencies that support Aboriginal students and their families.

- f) Responding to the Board on requests for advice and the recommendations on matters that the Board may direct to the committee.
- g) Advocating federally, provincially and locally, for specific needs of Aboriginal students.
- h) Identifying community issues that impact Aboriginal students.
- i) Responding to other initiatives as they arise.

Guidelines:

- The Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee will hold a minimum of three meetings, in a full school year.
- A committee member missing three consecutive meetings may be removed from term by the Director or Designate and a replacement then appointed for the remainder of the term.
- Members of the committee shall hold office for a term of one year, with the option of renewing.
- Selection of the committee will be managed by the Director or designate, and will be approved by the Board.
- In the inaugural year, the Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee will be chaired by the Administrator with responsibilities for Aboriginal Education. Thereafter, the Chair will be selected by the committee.

Expenses:

The Superior North Catholic District School Board shall reimburse Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee members for legitimate expenses incurred in carrying out their committee responsibilities as per Board Policy #GP201 and Administrative Regulation #AR201.