



Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Meeting held on September 22, 2022

Present

- Paul Tsekouras - Superintendent of Education
- Judy Wawia (Chair) - Board Trustee - Lake Helen-Red Rock Indian Band
- Valerie Auger (Co-Chair) - Pays Plat First Nation
- Ashley Muir - Indigenous Education Lead
- Shirley Jean - Trustee
- Norma Lesperance - Councillor - Red Rock Indian Band
- Marilyn Netemegesic - Elder Rocky Bay/Red Rock Indian Band
- Susan Baril - Flying Post First Nation
- Patti Pella - Ministry of Education
- Victor Chapais - Ginoogaming First Nation
- Brandy Brake-Weldon - Dilico Manager and Parent
- Pamela Hardy - Parent - St. Edward School
- Tara Hardy - Parent St. Hilary School
- Maria Sirard - Recorder

Regrets

- Martha Taylor - Ginoogaming First Nation
- Maria Vasanelli - Director of Education SNCDSB
- Randi Ray - Wabun Tribal Council - Flying Post First Nation
- Elizabeth Michano - Native Language Teacher - Holy Saviour School

- Crystal Gionette - Parent St. Edward School
- Joshua LeClair - Kinoomaadziwin Education Body
- Marlo Beaucage - Wabun Tribal Council

Welcome and Opening Liturgy:

Ms. Netemegesic began the meeting with an opening prayer and drumming. The statement of acknowledgement was read by P. Tsekouras. P. Tsekouras welcomed all members to the IEAC meeting. All members introduced themselves and described their roles within the committee.

Agenda/Minutes

Moved By: Shirley Jean

Seconded By: Ashley Muir

THAT the agenda of the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee meeting held on September 22, 2022 be accepted.

Carried.

Moved By: Shirley Jean

Seconded By: Susan Baril

THAT the [minutes](#) of the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee meeting held on June 2, 2022 be accepted.

Carried.

Business Arising Out of Minutes

1. Welcome New Indigenous Education Lead

We welcome Ashley Muir to her new role with the Board.

New Business

1. Review/Acceptance of IEAC Members Terms of Reference [IEAC Terms of Reference 2022-23](#)

P. Tsekouras shared the Terms of Reference and to see if members would like to

recommend any changes. We will meet a minimum of 4 times per year either in person or virtually. Terms of reference are reviewed annually. The question in regards to Reconciliation as to how we as a Board move forward to the issues from the past do not repeat. The Board is committed to moving forward and seeing the apology as the starting point. Our executive team and Board is committed through the content of what we teach and by our actions, to our Indigenous students and our Indigenous partners to continually move reconciliation forward.

Moved By: Shirley Jean
Seconded By: Susan Baril

THAT the IEAC Terms of Reference be approved for the 2022-2023 school year.

Carried.

2. School Start Up

Our schools look amazing! Many capital projects have been completed at many of our schools. Open House last night at St. Edward School was a great event. The Ministry of Education has also put out a plan to “catch up” from the impact of Covid-19. We have purchased the Lexia Training Program and provided training for our staff. Each school has a Lexia implementation plan. Preparing students for the jobs of tomorrow was also an area of focus. All teachers were required to complete an online Sexual Abuse training session by September 15, 2022. We do have staff shortages and are working diligently to fill these positions. We have added Vice Principal positions in a number of our schools.

3. *Say it First* / SGDSB Partnership

We have a pilot project in partnership with Superior Greenstone DSB.

The students were very receptive to this program. What students learn with our Board also coincides with SGDSB. The program has 120 modules. It's easy to learn and students can complete modules at home. We will share more information on this programming at a future IEAC meeting.

4. [National Truth and Reconciliation Week Programing support](#)

Resources in support of National Truth and Reconciliation week were shared with all staff. This is to support teachers and student learning. Some other age appropriate books were also linked in the document. One hundred students have signed up for the Orange Shirt beading activity. This year we purchased a virtual event assembly on the truths and journey of Q-Mack. Many schools have also done their own planning events. Invitations have been sent to First Nation

communities to attend their local schools' events.

5. Orange Shirt Logo Contest Criteria

Current IEAC input:

IEAC would like to judge the original artwork. Keep the year off of the design. The orange shirts aren't meant to be worn only on the 30th. Once the logo is selected, we will get them processed with a company that will share proceeds to the Truth and Reconciliation legacy. Discussion as to whether to frame the winning artwork for the student. Perhaps recognition of all student submissions would also be nice to do.

Previous IEAC input:

- Would like to keep it confidential regarding which school the design comes from or not knowing the student name who designed the shirt.

Criteria to include:

- Must attend the school and in grade K to 8
- Original Artwork
- Must be only 2 colours
- Must be made to go on a t-shirt

Future Presentations/Agenda Items

1. **Culture Foundry Program** will be presented at our next IEAC meeting.

Other Matters

1. **Next Meeting Date:** The second IEAC meeting will be held November 4, 2022 at St. Edward School at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided. Zoom will also be available.

Closing

Marilyn Netemegestic did a closing drumming.

Adjournment

The Indigenous Education Advisory Committee meeting was adjourned at 3:12 p.m.