



Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Meeting held on November 4, 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
- Joshua LeClair - Kenoomaadziwin Education Body
- Marlo Beaucage - Wabun Tribal Council
- Brandy Brake-Weldon - Parent/Dilico Manager
- Elizabeth Michano - Native Language Teacher - Holy Saviour School
- Donna Borg - NSL Teacher - St. Edward School (Guest)
- B.J. Mercier - Principal St. Edward School (Guest)
- Danielle Bond - Attendance Councillor SNCDSB
- Maria Sirard - Recorder

Regrets

- Martha Taylor - Ginoogaming First Nation

- Maria Vasanelli - Director of Education SNCDSB
- Victor Chapais - Ginoogaming First Nation
- Randi Ray - Wabun Tribal Council - Flying Post First Nation
- Pamela Hardy - Parent - St. Edward School
- Crystal Gionette - Parent St. Edward School
- Malcolm Charles - Ginoogaming First Nation
- Kerry McLaughlin - Metis Nation of Ontario

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: Brandy Brake-Weldon

THAT the agenda of the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee meeting held on November 4, 2022 be accepted.

Carried.

Moved By: Shirley Jean
Seconded By: Judy Wawia

THAT the [minutes](#) of the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee meeting held on September 22 , 2022 be accepted.

Carried.

Business Arising Out of Minutes

New Business

1. **Welcome Introductions**

Attendees introduced themselves and described their roles and responsibilities.

2. **2021/2022 BAP Discussion [IEAC Board Action Plan 2021/22 Year](#)**

The Board Action Plan was shared with IEAC members.

3. **2022/2023 Considerations and Input**

Various student projects were discussed and are being considered for our students.

IEAC considerations for 2022-23 were discussed with the group:

- During Treaty Week:
 - Have community come into the schools to share about Treaties and their impact to the local area
 - Similar to a science fair - have students present different Treaties or information on Treaties to other students.
- Have the class make a wampum belt respecting that it is a Sacred Item
- Connecting with local communities and participate in harvesting and meat processing
- Have Students participate in drafting an Orange Shirt logo for the 2022/2023 school year Orange Shirt Day
- Hold a Cedar tree planting at each school (using wild cedar trees)
 - Invite community members, Elders and have them help with the planning
 - Honour the 4 directions, animals, medicines...
 - Involve youth - drum to the trees - maybe use the honour song
- Teacher survey - what resource would you like to use? What PD could we offer to support your learning? Refresher?
- More land-based learning - hide preparation (around the 4 seasons and 13

moons)

- Bear grease teaching
- Student teaching
- Incorporate and collaborate with community and schools for September 30th - plan early so that we can collaborate together - NO PD Day on this important date
- Ojibwe prayer and song incorporated in prayer services and masses
- Feast the drums in our schools
- Knowledge Keeper and Elders willing to help our schools
- Resources sent to our schools should be distributed to all staff/students at the specific schools as opposed to sending information only to the NSL teacher.

4. **SNCDSB Indigenous Professional Development Day**

This year's Indigenous PD Day will be held on April 21, 2023. We are in the early stages of planning and welcome your feedback and input in preparation for this day. We would like a system wide PD in person event. We will establish a sub-committee to assist with the planning for this day. The sub-committee volunteers currently are Marlo Beaucage, Ashley Muir, Judy Wawia, Marilyn Netemegisic, Brandy Brake-Weldon, BJ Mercier and Sarah Clowes. M. Beaucage will approach Wabun Tribal Council to enquire if funding may be available for this PD Day.

5. **Communication - Val Auger**

V. Auger shared a concern she has regarding the needs of a particular student. Communication in regards to student support had not been forthcoming. P. Tsekouras will follow up with concerns with the school and the Superintendent of the school. J. Wawia shared information on tuition support payments.

6. **School Supports - Val Auger**

First Rider Program will be established at Pays Plat in the future.

7. **Other items**

A couple of concerns from parents in regards to one school not having an NSL teacher. Interviews for the NSL teacher position have been scheduled.

Future Presentations/Agenda Items

1. Aninishinaabemodaa App (formerly known as Culture Foundry) carried over to the next meeting.

Other Matters

1. **Next Meeting Date:** The next IEAC meeting will be held in late January 2023. A notification for the sub-committee meeting will be sent from A. Muir for a meeting in December 2022.

Closing

Marilyn Netemegesic and Judy Wawia did a closing song and drumming.

Adjournment

The Indigenous Education Advisory Committee meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.