



Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Meeting held on February 13, 2023

Present

- Paul Tsekouras - Superintendent of Education
- Judy Wawia (Chair) - Board Trustee - Lake Helen-Red Rock Indian Band
- Marilyn Netemegetic - Elder Rocky Bay/Red Rock Indian Band
- Malcolm Charles - Ginoogaming First Nation
- Elizabeth Michano - Native Language Teacher - Holy Saviour School
- Michelle Edmond - Attendance Councillor SNCDSB
- Patti Pella - Ministry of Education
- Brandy Brake-Weldon - Parent/Dilico Manager
- Joshua LeClair - Kenoomaadziwin Education Body
- Marlo Beaucage - Wabun Tribal Council
- Mike Parkhill - SayITFirst - Presenter
- Nomi Nagashima - SayITFirst - Presenter
- Dawna Harrison - Recorder

Regrets

- Valerie Auger (Co-Chair) - Pays Plat First Nation
- Ashley Muir - Indigenous Education Lead
- Maria Vasanelli - Director of Education SNCDSB
- Martha Taylor - Ginoogaming First Nation
- Shirley Jean - Trustee

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- Norma Lesperance - Councillor - Red Rock Indian Band
- Susan Baril - Flying Post First Nation
- 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
- Kerry McLaughlin - Metis Nation of Ontario
- Tara Hardy - Red Rock Indian Band

Welcome and Opening Liturgy

Marilyn Netemegestic and Judy Wawia 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: Marlo Beaucage
Seconded By: Brandy Brake-Weldon

THAT the agenda of the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee meeting held on February 13, 2023 be accepted.

Carried.

Moved By: Judy Wawia
Seconded By: Marlo Beaucage

THAT the [minutes](#) of the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee meeting held on November 4, 2022 be accepted.

Carried.

Business Arising Out of Minutes

1. Communication - Paul

- Paul and Kim Figliomeni, Principal at Holy Angels met with Val at Pays Plat to

discuss opportunities for re-connecting the school and community for the duration of the year. It was determined that regular student success team meetings will be held following Term 1 Report Cards being distributed.

New Business

1. PD Day Sub-Committee update:

- April 21 - **DRAFT agenda** - System Session - All staff at St. Edward Catholic School
 - 8:45 a.m. - 9:25 a.m. Prep Time* and refreshments
 - 9:30 a.m. - 11:50 a.m. Opening remarks and IEAC sub-committee speaker Marlo Beaucage from Wabun Tribal Council
 - (a 10-15 min break for participants will be scheduled)
 - 11:55 a.m. - 1:20 p.m. Lunch and Celebration of Excellence (Voluntary)
 - 1:20 p.m. - 2:20 p.m. School Planning / Consolidation
 - 2:20 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Closing Prayer in the Gymnasium and dismissal
- Teachers may travel on their prep time if they so choose.
- Staff from the communities of Longlac, Geraldton, Nakina and Manitouwadge will be reimbursed for hotel accommodations of double occupancy, should they choose to arrive the night before.
- The AM session will have grade/division seating designed to 'mix' audience participants.
- A block of rooms will need to be reserved and Memo drafted for staff.
- The next Sub-Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 16, at 1:00 p.m .via zoom.

2. Board Action Plan 2022-23

Moved to the next meeting.

3. Anishinaabemodaa App

- Mike Parkhill and Nomi Nagashima from SayITFirst made a presentation on the Anishinaabemodaa App. The App can be found at <http://anishinaabemodaa.app>. Nomi's email address is nomi@culturefoundrystudios.com.
- This platform is used across schools and Boards currently, with 11 Boards and 3500 people using the App. It was officially launched to the public two weeks ago.
- It was found that there is an inconsistency when teaching language, with no effective results. With this App, students learn as a second language learner. It looks at how the students are talking, via video recording.
- Cloning will also be available. There are currently 120 modules within the platform, with another 120 more to come. Content will be vocalized as per local dialect. Avatars have been created with ties to Anishinaabe tongue using oral transfer of language.
- The learning platform offers printable vocabulary lists. Each lesson is 40 minutes in length. Vocabulary flash cards are incorporated into the platform as well as lesson objectives, games, matching, and a text to speech option.
- Teachers can access the Teacher Area to monitor their classes and students' progress. They can reset learners' password if necessary, monitor specific activities, and see who's completed what.
- Feedback can be given directly through platform.
- The platform is only available on computers at this time but will be available on cell phones in the future.

4. Other

Future Presentations/Agenda Items

1. Board Action Plan 2022-23

Other Matters

1. Next Meeting Date:

Monday, April 3 at 10 a.m.

Closing

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

Adjournment

The Indigenous Education Advisory Committee meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.