**IEAC Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, June 5, 2018 – DSBN Education Centre

Participants:

Brock University Sandra Wong

District School Board of Niagara Ronda Menard, Lorraine Giroux

Erica Zombolas, Paul Taylor, JoAnna Roberto

Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre Jennifer Dockstader, Gary Parker

Inuit Council Cindy Biancaniello

Niagara Catholic District School Board Marco Magazzeni, Kelsey Dick

Niagara Chapter of Native Women Lacey Lewis

Niagara Regional Native Centre Chris Shawanoo, Mia Baker, Julianna Morin

MNO Brian Kon, Amanda Pont-Shanks

NPAAMB Christiane Muir, Rhonda Dickenson

Parent Tammi Givans

**Minutes**:

Welcome & Opening: Chris Shawanoo

Approval of Agenda & Minutes:

- Kelsey to make changes and send to group.

**Topic: Cultural Competency Session**

- suggestion for Cultural Competency would be training and assessment. Lorraine has data in regards to the number of teachers that have taken the training. Action item: Who are the staff taking the training? Will there be additional training? What would be the next step?

Next Step: Have one last meeting and flush out details on the Board Action Plan. Marco suggested: 1. Centralized calendar for both school boards 2. Joint Sessions.

**Topic: Measurement Tool**

- Do we want to see clarification and updates on these tools? Concern when the data comes to the table is it raw or polished. Having the raw data helps us to keep teachers mindful of demographic issues. Would like to have a bench mark, total number of teachers that have taken Level 1, Level 2 training to establish further training and have a bench mark.

**Topic: Terms of Reference – Subcommittee Report**

- Another meeting has been scheduled for June 25

- All agreed we will use the existing October 2017 Terms of Reference as stands. We will have further input at the meeting on the 25th, make adjustments and bring back another draft.

**Topic: Quorum**

- What makes up the 50% if students /parents not voting members of IEAC? Concern is how parents would find out when the meeting will take place. Suggested posting the minutes on the website, sharing the minutes with the organizations and with parents. It is the responsibility of both school boards to ask 2 parents. Action: Need to engage and support parents.

**Topic: Membership List (updates/changes)**

- Time to renew – who will be designates for next year? Action Item: Ronda will contact only the agencies that have no representatives (3 agencies). They can choose 1. To stay on the membership list, attend meetings and be counted in quorum. 2. Stay on the list, receive information/emails and not be counted as quorum. 3. Be removed from the list.

**Topic: Elect Indigenous Co-chair**

Suggested to have elections every two years instead of every year to have consistency. Gary and Brian co-chairs agreed to keep as standing.

**Topic: New Business DSBN**

***Secondary:*** Partnership with GFESS to produce an article in the St. Catharines Standard about Indigenous People working in Niagara. Indian Horse event on June 12, 2018 @ 6:15 pm.

Indigenous Symposium on May 10, 2018 had 79 students attend from grades 9-12. Jen Harper also came and shared her story.

***Elementary:*** Indigenous Week at Heartland Forest June 18- 22. Kick off begins with a Sunrise ceremony on Monday, June 18, 2018 at the Education Centre. Jackie Labonte will lead us in the greeting. The Youth Symposium Part 2 for Grade 7 & 8 will be held on June 15, 2018 at Queenston Heights. Each student was invited to bring a friend.

**Topic: New Business NCDSB**

Land based Learning Gathering on May 30 & May 31. It was offered to grade 9-12 taking Indigenous studies. Had 120 students over two days.

Offering Metis 101 Professional Development – 60 teachers signed up

Soaring Eagles Program – had two secondary students graduate and one grade 8 graduate.

Parent engagement – NCDSB group – updates, presentation. Have a representative sit on the SEAC committee.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

*Board Action Plan SubCommittee Meeting* - June 25, 2018 – 9:30 am – 11:30 am

Feedback to be provided by June 22, 2018 to be included in the June 25th meeting.

-the 2018/2019 BAP must be submitted October 13, 2018

-the 2017/2018 BAP is due September 12, 2018

Suggestion to email in late August so everyone is updated.

*Terms of Reference Meeting* – June 25, 2018 – 12:30 – 3:30

2018-2019 IEAC Meeting Dates

Ronda will email and invite all participants via Outlook

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| IEAC meetings 2018-2019 | Hosting | Location |
| September 21, 2018 | NCDSB | NCDSB |
| November 15, 2018 | DSBN | DSBN |
| January 24, 2019 | NCDSB | NRNC |
| April 18, 2019 | DSBN | FENFC |
| June 6, 2019 | NCDSB | MNO Thorold |