

IEAC Meeting Minutes
October 29, 2020
Hosted by DSBN
Virtual “TEAMS” Meeting

District School Board of Niagara	Jamie Groat, Geraldine Davies, Angela McClary, Marian Reimer-Friesen, Helen McGregor, Gary Parker
DSBN Parent Representative	Bobbi Jones Japp
DSBN Student Trustee	Keelee Hollowell
Niagara Catholic District School Board	Brian Kon, Ted Farrell, Marco Magazzeni, Krista Moscato
Niagara Catholic District School Board Parent Representative	Tammi Givans
NCDSB Student Trustee	Hanna Jones
Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre	Karl Dockstader, Shannon Cotter
Niagara College	Ashley Buck, Emily Schutt
Niagara Regional Native Centre	Mia Bakker
Niagara Chapter-Native Women	Louise Hickey
NPAAMB	Katie McLellan, Jason Shawana
Elder	Dave Labbe
Regrets: Cindi Biancaniello, Sandra Wong, Kelsey Huxley	

1. Opening, Welcome

- 1.1. Dave Labbe provided the Opening.
- 1.2. Jamie Groat welcomed everyone. Introductions were made for each person that was in attendance.

2. Approval of Agenda & Minutes

- 2.1. The agenda was approved.
- 2.2. Minutes of the last meeting were approved by consensus with the change to the NPAAMB correction.

3. IEAC Membership Review

3.1 The membership forms were asked to be filled out and forwarded to either Jamie Groat or Brian Kon. The form has been made fillable and does not require a signature.

3.2 It was noted that Kelsey Huxley will still be representing the Métis Council until further notice. Sandra Wong will be the primary representative for Brock University, and they are still looking at a secondary person.

3.3 Gary Parker is stepping down as his Term as the Co-Chair was up in the spring. Karl Dockstader and Jason Shawana were nominated as the Community Co-Chair for a two-year term. The committee members discussed the two candidates and decided through consensus to offer Karl Dockstader the position of Community Co- Chair. Karl accepted

4. 2020-2021 Sub-Committee Discussion

4.1 The sub-committees were discussed for membership for a one-year term and the following volunteered at the meeting for the committees. If members decide to sit on the committee, they can make their choice known when sending in their membership form.

Terms of Reference: Ashley Buck, Karl Dockstader, Jamie Groat, Brian Kon, Gary Parker, Geraldine Davies

BAP: Ashley Buck, Karl Dockstader, Jamie Groat, Brian Kon, Sandra Wong, Krista Moscato, Angela McClary, Mia Bakker

Grants/Finance Other Business: Chair – Marco Magezzeni, Katie McLellan, Ashley Buck, Karl Dockstader, Jamie Groat, Brian Kon

5. Community Round Table

Niagara Peninsula Aboriginal Area Management Board (NPAAMB)

- Programming is running such as construction and healthcare.
- Students are in class on a rotating basis

Niagara Regional Native Centre (NRNC)

- Still working from home but programs are running.
- Upcoming events are Halloween party tonight, toonie auction Nov 20th, Children's Christmas Sat. Dec. 5th, Community Christmas dinner Dec. 10th.

Niagara Chapter of Native Women (NCNW)

- A new Indigenous pandemic outreach worker has been hired through relief funds to provide ppe, food and other items to community members in need.
- Programs are running virtually
- Attackers and blockers program for Indigenous women in sports leadership
- There will be something for holiday celebration but no details yet.
- The AGM was virtual this year and went well
- Most are still working from home with staff occasionally in the office.

Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre (FENFC)

- There are in person and virtual programs running currently.
- Dance workshop was run in person with socially distanced protocol
- Halloween costume contest with several dozen entrants, prizes and candy for the young ones.
- Have still been able to maintain strong connection to community members and the food program is going very strong.
- Courage to Soar program is running and in person
- Offering as much as possible without exposing community to risks

Niagara College

- Staff working from home
- Programs running such as Indigenous education connect, soup lunch Wednesday, Elder connects with Dave and Elaine weekly
- There is an Indigenous culture safety 101 course for faculty, fireside chat series on Mondays from 7 – 9
- Indigenous Awareness month in November where students, staff and faculty will learn about Indigenous culture, Indian Horse book club, Treaty Week plans and partnering with the library, Louis Riel Day, Inuit Day and Aboriginal Veterans Day

Niagara Region Métis Council (NRMC)

- The Métis nation provided financial support to councils and giving out food cards to citizens three times so far with another to be provided along with ppe supplies.
- Staffing has continued but meetings are virtual.
- There was a Balls Falls camp, education programming has continued online, and they are preparing for Louis Riel Day.

6. Dates for 2020-2021 IEAC Meetings

- October 29, 2020
- November 19, 2020 changing this date to Sub Committee Meetings was proposed
- December 17, 2020 was proposed as the new date for the second IEAC meeting
- February 18, 2021
- June 17, 2021

7. Closing and Adjournment of Joint Meeting

- 7.1 Ashley Buck closed the meeting
- 7.2 Karl Dockstader provided the Closing.