

**Indigenous Education Advisory Committee
October 19, 2021
Hosted by DSBN Virtual “TEAMS” Meeting**

Brock University	Sandra Wong
Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre	Gary Parker
Honored Guest	Dave Labbe (Elder)
Inuit Council	Cindy Biancaniello
Niagara College	Ashley Buck, Emily Schutt
Niagara Region Métis Council	Derrick Pont
Niagara Regional Native Centre	Karl Dockstader
Niagara Catholic District School Board	Marie Bowering, Brian Kon, Marco Magazzeni, Joseph Zaroda
District School Board of Niagara	Georgie Groat, Bobbi Jones Japp, Helen McGregor, Marian Reimer Friesen, Kya Steinbach-Parker

1. WELCOME AND OPENING

- 1.1. Karl Dockstader welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 1.2. Dave Labbe provided the traditional opening and welcomed everyone.
- 1.3. Introductions of members present were made.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- 2.1. Agenda approved by consensus.

3. MINUTES OF JUNE 17, 2021 MEETING

- 3.1 Karl Dockstader went over the minutes from June 17th meeting.
- 3.2 Brian Kon sent out an email with the minutes for the committee to review.
- 3.3 Minutes approved by consensus.

4. ESTABLISH MEMBERSHIPS & REPS

- 4.1 Karl Dockstader spent time reviewing the Terms of Reference. There is a form to be used by each organization. It was noted that best practice would be that leadership of each organization submit their IEAC representatives in this way.
- 4.2 Karl will poll the members that are present, and the Chairs will reach out to Jason Shawana and Wendy Sturgeon to see if they will continue their membership.
- 4.3 Karl Dockstader and Willow Shawanoo will return on behalf of NRNC.
- 4.4 Gary Parker and Shannon Cotter will return on behalf of FENFC
- 4.5 Derrick Pont TBD. He will get back to IEAC on behalf of NRMC
- 4.6 Cindy Biancanello will return on behalf of the Inuit Council
- 4.7 Ashley Buck and Emily Schutt will return on behalf of Niagara College
- 4.8 Sandra Wong and Sam Charal on behalf of Brock University

5. SET MEETINGS FOR THE YEAR

- 5.1 The four co-chairs met and set tentative dates. The co-chairs would like to add a fifth meeting for this year to ensure regular communication.
- 5.2 The proposed dates were reviewed, revised, and agreed upon by those present (Oct. 19, Dec. 9, Feb.10, Apr. 14 & June 2).
- 5.3 No in person meetings are currently being held at the School Boards. Karl Dockstader looking into hosting members at NRNC for the IEAC meetings.
- 5.4 Confirmed future dates and times will be as follows:
 - Dec. 9th, Feb. 10th, Apr. 14th:
 - 11:00am-12:00pm IEAC/Board meeting
 - 12:00pm - 12:30pm Lunch
 - 12:30pm – 2:30pm General Meeting
 - 2:30 pm - 2:45pm Break
 - 2:45pm - 3:45pm IEAC/ Board meeting
- 5.5 June 2 will be a morning meeting due to scheduling conflicts. A detailed schedule will follow, and breakfast will be provided.

6. SET SUB COMMITTEES DATES

a. *BAP Subcommittee*

- BAP members for 2021-2022 will be Karl Dockstader, Ashley Buck, Georgie Groat, Brian Kon, Gary Parker, Bobbi Jones Japp, Cindy Biancanello, Marie Bowering, Nicole Pigeau, Emily Schutt and Derrick Pont.
- Georgie suggested that a date be set to meet with the BAP committee members before both Boards submit their initial BAP for 2021-2022. It was also suggested to meet with the Catholic Board and DSBN separately to discuss what was done in the past and to set new initiatives. The co-chairs would like to have in person meetings.
- Brian Kon agreed with Georgie's suggestions and added that we need to have better transparency and making sure we get voices from community regarding the BAP.
- The Ministry has not finalized the BAP template for 2021-2022. The document will be an online process this year.
- Dave Labbe gave guidance on the meetings. The majority of what he hears is members prefer face to face meetings and to keep each other informed. To have some structure

- that goes along with traditions and with understanding.
- BAP Subcommittee meeting will be Thursday, October 28th at 11:30am- 1:00pm NCDSB / 1:30pm- 3:00pm DSN. Lunch will be provided by NRNC. A hybrid can be set up for anyone that cannot meet in person.
- School Boards will disperse the BAP outline (2021-2022 BAP) to the members before the meeting. The outlines are based on the past Ministry templates, just to provide a starting point for conversation.

b. *Finance/Grant Subcommittee:*

- Finance and Grant Subcommittee members for 2021-2022 will be Karl Dockstader, Ashley Buck, Brian Kon, Georgie Groat, Marco Magazzeni and Sandra Wong.
- Marco Magazzeni will continue to convene the meeting.
- The purpose of the Finance/Grant Subcommittee is to access any funding opportunities through grants and host joint events sponsored through IEAC
- The Finance meeting will be through Teams on Wednesday, November 3 at 9:00am. Marco will send out an invite.

c. *Terms of Reference Subcommittee:*

- Terms of Reference members for 2021-2022 will be Karl Dockstader, Ashley Buck, Georgie Groat, Brian Kon, Gary Parker, Bobbi Jones Japp and Sandra Wong.
- The meeting will be organized through email due to limited time.
- The latest Terms of Reference will be sent out to members to review. Brian Kon will send the current Terms of Reference to Georgie Groat. Georgie will add the additional points (from the last IEAC meeting) and send out to the committee members.

7. ROUND TABLE

a. Niagara Regional Native Centre (NRNC)

- October 30th- Drive thru Halloween Party
- November 20th- Harvest Social- Delivering meals to families
- December 4th- Children's Christmas Party

b. Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre (FENFC)

- Similar events to NRNC
- Tune into the Facebook page and website to get all the details
- Corn Harvest this week- developing work with staff around the corn harvest

c. Niagara College

- November- Preparing for indigenous Awareness Month- Fireside Chats
- Virtual Lounge every Thursday in November
- November 17th- POWWOW Aerobics
- November 24th- Living Library Event with Tracey Deer
- November 26th- Open Mike Night at Maytay Cafe

d. Niagara Region Métis Council (NRMCC)

- Hosted 9 families at the Family Camp in the summer. Hoping to make this an annual

- event going forward
- Looking at doing something for the Early Learning children through education at Christmas time
- Made and sent out Educational Backpacks to the Métis students
- Métis Council making a street survival kit for Indigenous homeless people

e. Niagara Peninsula Aboriginal Area Management Board (NPAAMB)

- Opportunity Knocks is Thursday, November 18th - Saturday November 20th. The event will be in the evenings on Thursday and Friday and all day on Saturday.

8. CLOSING AND ADJOURNMENT

8.1 Karl Dockstader adjourned the meeting.

8.2 Elder Dave Labbe provided the traditional closing.