

IEAC MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 27, 2020

Hosted by DSBN

Meeting Location: Education Centre, 191 Carlton Street, St. Catharines, Ontario

Participants in attendance:

District School Board of Niagara	Deana Davies, JoAnna Roberto
DSBN Student Trustee	Ness Griffin
Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre	Gary Parker
Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre	Dave Labbe
Niagara Catholic District School Board	Brian Kon, Ted Farrell, Marco Magazzeni, Krista Moscato
NCDSB Student Representative	Hanna Jones
Niagara College	Ashley Buck, Emily Schutt
Niagara Peninsula Aboriginal Area Management Board	Christiane Muir
Niagara Regional Native Centre	Mia Bakker
Parent Representative - DSBN	Bobbi Jones Japp
Niagara Region Métis Council	Kelsey Dick

Regrets: Tammy Givens (NCDSB Parent Representative), Cindy Biancaniello (Inuit Council),
Sandra Wong (Brock University)

1. Opening, Welcome & Introductions:

- 1.1. Gary Parker called the meeting to order.
- 1.2. Dave Labbe provided a traditional opening.
- 1.3. The community members had met with NCDSB prior to the committee of the whole and DSBN will meet with the community members after the committee of the whole has completed its business.
- 1.4. Attendance was collected.
- 1.5. Introductions were made and Brian Kon welcomed everyone.

2. Approval of Agenda & Minutes:

- 2.1 The Agenda was approved.
- 2.2 Terms of Reference
The committee needs to determine who will be representing Brock as they have a few different departments. The committee will need to develop a Conflict of Interest clause.

3. Community Co- Chair Discussion:

- 3.1 Gary Parker put forward nominations for the Community Co- Chair.
- 3.2 Brian Kon put Ashley Buck 's name forward as a Co-Chair. Kelsey Dick seconded the nomination. Ashley accepted the position as Community Co-Chair.

4. 2019-2020 Sub Committee Discussion

4.1 BAP Committee

- 4.1.1 The BAP Committee had a meeting and the DSBN put together the four main areas that the BAP has been restructured into.
- 4.1.2 The DSBN took the lead on the meeting and the NCDSB will take the lead at the next BAP meeting.
- 4.1.3 The BAP Committee is looking for feedback from the Community.
- 4.1.4 Gary Parker suggested that the committee make presentations during Kindergarten and High School Open Houses to ensure partnerships and the relationships between both Boards and the Community.
- 4.1.5 There was discussion of having a joint social event.
- 4.1.6 There was discussion on Graduation rates and how to celebrate and honour the graduates.

4.2 Finance Committee

- 4.2.1 Marco Magazzeni is presenting a package for Niagara Prosperity Initiative. The goal is to work with community and Family and Children Services to start closing the gap of non- attending students.
- 4.2.2 The Finance committee has put together a joint proposal with John Howard and NPAAMB through Skills Catalyst Fund to do a project at the Niagara Launch Centre that could potentially lead to Adult Learners Skill set development.
- 4.2.3 There was discussion around offering languages in the School Boards. Gary Parker is working with Amos Key and Polytech.

4.3 Terms of Reference Committee

- 4.3.1 The committee will set up a meeting before the next IEAC meeting.

5. Community Round Table and Updates:

- 5.1** Dave Labbe- Dave is working on a project with the Niagara Falls Museum identifying artifacts and preparing an online program for Community.

5.2 NRMC

- 5.2.1 Taking part in the Youth and Elders Conference March 12 and 13.
- 5.2.2 IEAC representatives have a meeting with the MNO regarding Best Practices on how to support Métis students.
- 5.2.3 The MNO is having an Early Years Conference and both Boards are attending.
- 5.2.4 The Métis Education Kits are available to order. The kit is available for teachers. The first kit is free.
- 5.2.5 MNO has Post Secondary Funding available. Applicants can apply online.
- 5.2.6 Annual March Break Camp is open to both Boards as well as the community.

5.3 Additional Métis updates

5.3.1 Brian Kon indicated that the Niagara Falls Library is doing some Indigenous films.

5.3.2 Brian was asked to work with Niagara Falls Museum on a Four Direction Speaker Series that is being put on by the City of Niagara Falls.

5.3.3 Historic event happening in Ottawa; three provinces getting together and meeting with the federal Government.

5.4 NCDSB

5.4.1 Introduction of student representative — Hannah Jones, a grade 11 student from Blessed Trinity.

5.4.2 NCDSB is in the process of registering students for post secondary.

5.4.3 There is a panel going on the website which will include the Indigenous Education.

5.5 NPAAMB

5.5.1 Shari St. Peter was appointed the new Justice of the Peace.

5.5.2 Youth Service Officer positions will be filled in the first two weeks of March.

5.5.3 Building Futures Program is a 17 week on the job training program. The next registration deadline is April 17, 2020.

5.5.4 The Journey to Success Healthcare Program has two dates available, May and September. The registration deadline for May is April 9, 2020.

5.6 Niagara College

5.6.1 Setting up a booth for both days of the Youth and Elders Conference.

5.6.2 Spring Open House on March 28th.

5.6.3 Looking for a successful candidate for their Indigenous Council.

5.6.4 Extra funding available through Niagara College for any students applying for College.

5.6.5 Grand opening of the Student Indigenous Lounge- well attended by Community.

5.7. DSBN Parent update- Bobbi mentioned awareness around mental health with our indigenous students and possible supports.

5.8 NRNC

5.8.1 Men's and Women's Gathering on March 3-5.

5.8.2 March Break Camp open to 30 children.

5.8.3 March 18 taking a group of children to see The Grizzly Film in Guelph. Limited Space. Ages 12-26.

5.9 FENFC

5.9.1 March 7 is the PowWow. Open to Community

5.9.2 March 12-13 is the Youth and Elders Conference. Open to Community.

5.9.3 March Break Camp. Contact Shannon at FENFC.

5.9.4 Right to Passage Program. A 12-week program. Contact Brittany at FENFC.

5.9.5 Offering languages through the Niagara Falls Library.

5.10 Ness Griffin- Attended the Ontario Student Trustee Conference in Ottawa. Ness has been hired by the Woodland Cultural Centre as an artist to illustrate children's books.

5.11 DSBN

5.11.1 The last Tanya Talaga event on March 30th.

5.11.2 Summer Heat is a program the DSBN runs from Kindergarten to grade 3 in the month of July. There are a few Indigenous sites. The program brings in around 1600 children across the District.

5.11.3 Sheila Maracle is the Indigenous Advisor for the DSBN. She works closely with students from K-12 and supports families. Sheila will be hosting the Moccasin Grad Project over March Break.

5.11.4 Ness will transition the next Indigenous Student Trustee. Nominations will be brought to IEAC, then the Board. The policy has been passed for this process with IEAC input from Gary Parker.

5.11.5 The National Geographic Indigenous Atlas Map has been put in libraries in all Elementary and Secondary schools, both in English and French. Hoping to launch the Interactive map in the spring.

6. Elder, Dave Labbe provided a traditional closing to the meeting.

7. Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be held on June 5, 2020. NCDSB will confirm location.