

## **IEAC MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, June 6, 2019

Hosted by NCDSB

Meeting Location: Casa Dante Hall, Welland

### **Participants in attendance:**

Brock University  
District School Board of Niagara

Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre  
Inuit Council  
Niagara Catholic District School Board  
Niagara Chapter of Native Women  
Niagara College  
Niagara Peninsula Aboriginal Area  
Management Board

DSBN Student Ambassador  
Niagara Region Metis Council  
Niagara Regional Native Centre  
Parent

Sandra Wong  
Jamie Groat, Paul Taylor, Lorraine Giroux,  
JoAnna Roberto, Helen McGregor  
Gary Parker, Shannon Cotter  
Cindy Biancaniello  
Brian Kon, Ted Farrell, Marco Magazzeni  
Christine Pritchard  
Donna Gerber  
Christiane Muir

Hannah Walpole  
Giselle Leiehn  
Samantha Wilding, Shannon Hill  
Bobbi Jones Japp

Regrets: Tammi Givens

### **1. Opening, Welcome & Introductions:**

- 1.1. Brian called the meeting to order.
- 1.2. Gary provided a traditional opening.
- 1.3. The community members had met with DSBN prior to the committee of the whole and NCDSB will meet with community members after the committee of the whole has completed its business.

### **2. Approval of Agenda & Minutes:**

- 2.1. Agenda is approved.
- 2.2. Amendments to minutes as follows: add words 'for training' for dates the Youth Service Office will be closed. The dates the office will be closed should be April 29 & 30, May 1 & 2, but remove May 6-10.
- 2.3. Gary stated that the agenda will be referred to back and forth, depending on what agenda item is being discussed.

### **3. IEAC Membership Review:**

- 3.1. Please review your existing status of community members.
  - 3.1.1. Some membership forms have already been received. When completing form, please keep in mind which meetings you can fully attend.

3.2. IEAC meetings for 2019-2020 are: September 20, November 7, February 27 and June 4.  
(*Note, September 20 is a Friday.*)

3.2.1. Meetings will follow the same format: with one Board before the joint meeting, the second board after the joint meeting.

- Lorraine Giroux will send dates out to everyone with an outlook invite – with times and host.
- The meetings will be hosted alternately between DSBN and NCDSB – DSBN to host 1<sup>st</sup> meeting; locations to be determined

3.2.2. The 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in September will begin earlier than usual -- 10:00 am to discuss BAP with Niagara Catholic; the committee should be prepared to stay for the DSBN Board's discussion of the BAP after the joint meeting.

3.3. Attendance at subcommittee meetings is critical; as scheduling of meetings is also critical, be mindful of meeting dates.

#### **4. Discussion of Elder Selection:**

4.1. Different terminology exists between communities, can be referred to as Elders, Knowledge Keepers. IEAC members should reach out to communities to try to encourage someone to take on the role.

4.2. The role of the Elder is to guide us on understanding sensitive terms and issues. They will provide wisdom and support, provide insight, open and close meetings. They should understand diversity between nations and act as a guide on cultural content, protocol, procedures.

4.3. The Elder will receive remuneration for their service.

4.4. Send potential names to Gary.

#### **5. Sub-Committee Reports:**

##### **5.1. Terms of Reference Committee**

5.1.1. Report was distributed.

5.1.2. Amendment: page 2, word 'council' changed to 'committee'

5.1.3. Amendment: page 5 – HR section – add to end of sentence, "go back to each board"

5.1.4. Land Acknowledgement – need to revisit regularly – will use current Land Acknowledgement for current year – subcommittee members will seek experts to provide the correct information moving forward.

5.1.5. Composition of membership, needs to include both parent and student membership.

5.1.6. Brock University in the process of hiring Vice Provost – extend invitation to person – have person decide representation

5.1.7. Nominations took place for Indigenous Co-chair – Shannon Hill nominated as Co Chair. Shannon, asked for time to consider the position.

### **5.2. Finance Committee:**

5.2.1.No formal meeting was held. Brain shared his notes with both boards and it was decided that finance would be addressed individually during their own times.

5.2.2.Informal meeting included identifying where money is being spent – inside and outside of BAP and nothing outstanding to be reported; outside and inside the BAP.

### **5.3. BAP Committee:**

5.3.1.BAPS are overlapped at this time of year.

5.3.2.Both DSBN and NCDSB are finishing 2018-2019 BAP at end of August; same time creating 2019-2020 BAP; plan is to have BAP signed by all parties at September 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

5.3.3.Based on last year, the deadline for 2019-2020 is October; planning on having another meeting. Timelines have been the same for last 3 years.

## **6. Other Business:**

6.1.1.none

## **7. Community Round Table and Updates:**

### **7.1. Niagara Peninsula Aboriginal Area Management Board - Christiane**

7.1.1.Opportunity Knocks Conference held on November 14-16, 2019 at White Oakes.

7.1.2.Youth Service Officers are:

- Fort Erie office – Brittany Clause; [yso\\_fe@npaamb.com](mailto:yso_fe@npaamb.com); 289-303-8195
- St. Catharines office – Chantara Lougheed; [yso\\_sc@npaamb.com](mailto:yso_sc@npaamb.com); 289-442-5255
- Niagara Falls office – Christiane Muir (new position – Community Engagement and Outreach.

### **7.2. Bobbi Jones**

7.2.1.Youth Symposium coming up and permission forms were sent out with the information.

### **7.3. Inuit Council - Cindy**

7.3.1.Did Land Acknowledgement presentation to a class in Welland; the class recites the Land Acknowledgement every day.

**7.4. Niagara Regional Native Centre – Shannon and Samantha**

7.4.1. Graduation celebration happening on July 18<sup>th</sup> – same day as Social.

7.4.2. Aboriginal Day happening on June 21<sup>st</sup> at the Virgil Arena – 3:00 pm lineup – bands, comedian, fireworks, looking for vendors – food, etc. – held in collaboration with Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre.

**7.5. Niagara College - Donna**

7.5.1. Tourism Program; NOTL campus – a lot of construction happening/no parking; 125 students this summer.

7.5.2. Program for elders; Family worker Outreach Program – putting in garden soon, plants are ready for planting, squash, medicinal, etc.

**7.6. Brian**

7.6.1. Landscape of Nations celebration to be held on June 14<sup>th</sup> at Queenston Heights; targeted for students in Grades 4-8 ; maybe around 300 students – a lot of activities – open to public – joint with both boards participating.

7.6.2. Update from Joanne Henry – will streamline the BAP process for coming year. Will be sent out when updated.

**7.7. Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre -- Shannon**

7.7.1. Language courses are doing really well although there is a need for younger students.

7.7.2. Check websites as there are a number of programs running; Aboriginal Day June 21<sup>st</sup>.

**8. Combined meeting closed.**

**9. Gary provided closing –**

***NCDSB to meet with community after joint meeting.***