

## **IEAC MEETING MINUTES**

Friday, September 20, 2019

Hosted by DSBN

Meeting Location: Education Centre

### **Participants in attendance:**

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| District School Board of Niagara                      | Ronda Menard, Jamie Groat, Erica Zombolas,<br>Deana Davies, JoAnna Roberto |
| DSBN Student Ambassador                               | Ness Griffin   |
| Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre                    | Gary Parker  |
| Inuit Council   | Cindy Biancaniello   |
| Niagara Catholic District School Board                | Brian Kon, Ted Farrell, Marco Magazzeni, Krista Moscato                    |
| Niagara Chapter of Native Women                       | Louise Hickey  |
| Niagara College                                       | Ashley Buck  |
| Niagara Peninsula Aboriginal Area<br>Management Board | Brittany Clause  |
| Niagara Regional Native Centre                        | Mia Bakker, Willow Shawanoo  |
| Parent Representative - DSBN                          | Bobbi Jones Japp   |
| Parent Representative- NCDSB                          | Tammy Givans   |

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

- 1.1. Gary Parker called the meeting to order.
- 1.2. Gary Parker 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 Gary Parker welcomed everyone.

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

- 2.1 Gary Parker acknowledged Shannon Hill as the previous Co-Chair.
- 2.2 Cindy Biancaniello will be representing either as the Inuit Council or Brock University. Cindy will inform the committee at each meeting.
- 2.3 Discussion of Elder Selection - suggestions for Elders/Faith Keepers were made and both Boards will work through Gary Parker to make arrangements and follow proper protocols. Niagara Catholic will make arrangements for the next IEAC.
- 2.4 Terms of Reference Committee - Gary Parker will extend the invitation to Amos Key Jr. and to Brock University to have him sit on the IEAC committee. The committee agreed to extend the invitation.

3. **IEAC Membership Review:**

- 3.1 Forms were handed out and returned to Ronda.
- 3.2 Gary Parker expressed the importance of all forms to be returned for Quorum.
- 3.3 Alternate Community Co- Chair - this is a Two-year term. Britany Clause and Willow Shawanoo were nominated
- 3.4 The committee voted, and Brittany Clause accepted the position of Alternate Co- Chair.

4. **2019-2020 Sub Committee Discussion**

- 4.1 Terms of Reference– is the subcommittee that can review the Land Acknowledgment. Brian Kon reminded the committee that it is used by the Region, all Municipalities, Niagara College, Brock University and both DSBN and NCDSB.
- 4.2 Committee sign-ups were arranged, and meetings will be arranged prior to IEAC meetings as required. Deana Davies will send emails to the Committee members.
- 4.3 The BAP is due October 25 and the next IEAC is November 7. We will use the existing template and transition to the new template in November.
- 4.4 Grants/Finance – Marco Magazzeni reached out to the Municipalities and the Region for the Permissive Grant Application dates. The committee will meet and send submissions to each Municipality.
- 4.5 Gary Parker states that the Public Grants have been cut and the committee will need to be unique with spending.

5. **Other Business:**

- 5.1 DSBN is funding FNMI AQ courses for free to all educators.
- 5.2 Erica Zombolas introduced Ness Griffin as the Student Representative for IEAC.
- 5.3 Mid Term Report – this will be issued annually.

6. **Community Round Table and Updates:**

- 6.1 Bobbi Jones Japp will be going to her first committee meeting. She is reaching out to parents.
- 6.2 Niagara Peninsula Aboriginal Area Management Board- Brittany Clause  
Youth Conference November 14-16 for secondary students.
- 6.3 NPAAMB is still accepting Alternate Learning Programs.
- 6.4 Recruiting for the Oya:na Program- coming back to Fort Erie in December.
- 6.5 Niagara Region Native Centre- Mia Bakker: Runs a program working with children age 7-12.
- 6.6 Niagara Region Native Centre Willow Shawanoo -Focused on the build which will open late fall/early winter. Every Monday is Community Drum night, Open to all. Every third Thursday they have a Social held at St. Catharines Collegiate. Powwow is scheduled for October 5 at Montebello Park.

- 6.7 Tammy Givans - working on recruiting parents.
- 6.8 Niagara College - Ashley Buck - Niagara College has two job postings:  
Indigenous Assessment Leader and Indigenous Counsellor.
- 6.9 Aboriginal Career Fair in partnership with Brock University. Takes Place on November 29 at Niagara College- Welland Campus. Registrations can be done online or hard copy.
- 6.10 Inuit Council - Cindy Biancaniello retired from the DSBN. She has accepted a job Brock. She is available to work in Schools/classes.
- 6.11 DSBN Student Representative- Ness Griffin- has been working with her Student Success Teacher and principal to raise awareness for Orange Shirt Day.
- 6.12 Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre- Gary-Parker - Courage to Soar program has begun again for this year and is almost full. Delegated a Regional Youth HUB Space. Mental Health Team and a Community Health Nurse comes in. This takes places Mon- Thurs. 4:00 -8:30 pm. Working with DSBN for October 28 Youth Symposium.
- 6.13 IEAC meeting dates are November 7, 2019, February 27, 2020 and June 4, 2020.
- 6.14 Brian Kon provided the closing.