

**IEAC Meeting Minutes  
February 18, 2021  
Hosted by DSBN  
Virtual “TEAMS” Meeting**

Brock University	Cindy Biancaniello, Sandra Wong
Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre	Shannon Cotter
Niagara College	Ashley Buck, Emily Schutt
NPAAMB	Jason Shawana
Niagara Region Métis Council	Derrick Pont
Niagara Regional Native Centre	Karl Dockstader
Niagara Catholic District School Board	Ted Farrell, Hanna Jones, Brian Kon, Marco Magazzeni, Krista Moscato
District School Board of Niagara	Jamie Groat, Geraldine Davies, Angela McClary, Gary Parker, Bobbi Jones Japp, Helen McGregor, Marian Reimer Friesen
Regrets: Louise Hickey	

**1. Opening, Welcome**

- 1.1. Karl Dockstader provided the opening and welcomed everyone.
- 1.2. Attendance was collected.
- 1.3. Introductions were made.
- 1.4. Jamie Groat had explained that an Elder was invited but was unable to attend.

**2. Approval of Agenda & Minutes**

- 2.1. Agenda approved.
- 2.2 Minutes approved by consensus with corrections to Cindi Biancaniello and Ted Farrell’s names.

### 3. IEAC Membership Review

- 3.1 Mia Bakker is no longer a member of the NRNC. They are in the process of getting a new member and will update at the next meeting.
- 3.2 Tammi Givans will be stepping down as the parent rep for NCDSB. They will be looking for a new parent rep.
- 3.3 Dillon Ritchey and Shannon Cotter will represent FENFC.
- 3.4 NAAPAM is looking for a second member to represent.

### 4. 2020-2021 Sub-Committee Discussion

#### 4.1 *Terms of Reference (ToR):*

- 4.1.1 The committee was not able to convene since the last IEAC meeting.
- 4.1.2 The committee will meet on March 8 at 10:00 a.m.
- 4.1.3 Membership change to the Committee: Mia Bakker will be removed and Bobbi Jones Japp is added to the committee.
- 4.1.4 Deana Davies to send out invitation and new chair to be determined.

#### 4.2 *Grants/Finance:*

- 4.2.1 There was discussion around IEAC potentially hosting an event/project within the Region.
- 4.2.2 Looking at different organizations for various grants throughout the Community.
- 4.2.3 Marco Magazzeni will send out the minutes from the last meeting and the list of potential opportunities to the IEAC members to review.

#### 4.3 *Board Action Plan (BAP):*

- 4.3.1 There was an update of the BAP for both DSBN and NCDSB.
- 4.3.2 DSBN reviewed what has been done to date. Speaking to initiatives that have been done and ongoing. There was discussion on Appendix A and was submitted by DSBN on January 29, 2021.
- 4.3.3 NCDSB met and focused on Appendix A and had conversation on what will be on the upcoming BAP. There will be a focus and a greater emphasis on Anti-racism.
- 4.3.4 Ashley and Karl encouraged the committee to participate in the next meeting. There was great dialogue and you can ask your questions around the BAP that doesn't happen during the IEAC meeting.

***Action item: book more time for the BAP Subcommittee meetings.***

## **5. Community Round Table and Updates**

### **5.1 Niagara Regional Native Centre (NRNC)**

- 5.1.1 March 20<sup>th</sup> interactive virtual event. More information to follow. Posted on Facebook
- 5.1.2 April Camp activity coming.

### **5.2 Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre (FENFC)**

- 5.2.1 Virtual programming still going on.
- 5.2.2 The Youth and Elders Conference is March 25/26.
- 5.2.3 The Pow Wow will be postponed this year.
- 5.2.4 Check Facebook page- lots of programs and virtual opportunities.

### **5.3 Niagara College**

- 5.3.1 Continuing with Elder connects and IE Connects.
- 5.3.2 Partnered with the library in November and hosted One Dish, One Mic for Indigenous Awareness Month and in February 23 from 1:30-3:00 hosting Sherry Darlene coming for Black History Month.
- 5.3.3 March 8<sup>th</sup> they are having their first Cultural Café celebrating International Women's Day. This event is open for community.
- 5.3.4 In the spring there will be an event called the Spring Equinox. They will be opening the garden.
- 5.3.5 March 23<sup>rd</sup> will be another Cultural Café- open for Community.
- 5.3.6 Niagara College is restructuring the site for registration.

### **5.4 Brock University**

- 5.4.1 Preparing wellness Packages for students.
- 5.4.2 Involvement with Choose Brock - students are making video testimonials
- 5.4.3 Working with some students on a Decolonizing symposium- end of March
- 5.4.4 Tutorials on a Tundra to Table video for students and community members. This will be on YouTube shortly.
- 5.4.5 New partnership with Niagara Region- looking for some of the kits to distribute
- 5.4.6 Working on some proposals
- 5.4.7 Workshop for students on Bracelet making with Seal Skin.
- 5.4.8 Brock Aboriginal Conference is cancelled this year.

### **5.5 Niagara Region Métis Council (NRMC)**

- 5.5.1 Early Learning Child Care Program is reimbursing Métis families with any activity or equipment fees up to the age of 18. For more information contact: [elccsupport@metisnation.org](mailto:elccsupport@metisnation.org).
- 5.5.2 Educational opportunities on are the Metis Council website.

## **5.6 Niagara Peninsula Aboriginal Area Management Board (NPAAMB)**

5.6.1 Community, Safety and Wellbeing session are running.

5.6.2 Opportunity Knocks Event taking place from Feb. 25-27.

## **6 Closing and Adjournment of Joint Meeting**

6.1 Jamie Groat adjourned the meeting.

6.2 Karl Dockstader provided the closing.