

DSBN Indigenous Education Update

November 2022 HIGHLIGHTS

Indigenous Student Leadership Circle (ISLC)

- Kya Steinbach-Parker – Indigenous Student Trustee, will be connecting with student reps from each secondary school to bring a collective voice to the work she is doing. Virtual monthly circles will connect First Nations, Métis, and Inuit secondary students from across the board with the support of the Indigenous Education team.

Parent/Guardian Engagement Session

- We held our first parent engagement session on October 12th at the NRNC, with 7 parents.
- Our next parent engagement session on December 14th will be a service fair with tables from Brock, Niagara College, NRNC, FENFC and NPAAMB providing information on the community services they provide.

Teacher Navigator Program – Walking Together

- This program is designed for elementary educators to develop a deeper understanding of Indigenous Education, sovereignty, history, perspectives, and current realities of the Indigenous community across the nation and as well as locally.
- We have 84 teachers – a least 1 per elementary school taking part in this program.

Board Action Plan (BAP) 2022-23

- With such great support from IEAC members last year, I am looking forward to members being a part of the BAP committee again to help shape and support the work in the DSBN.

Upcoming events:

- Indigenous post-secondary information fair on December 9, 2022, at Niagara College in partnership with Brock University. Click [here](#) for registration information.
- Our next parent engagement session is on December 14th at the Niagara Regional Native Centre from 5-7 and will include dinner. Posters with registration information will be sent out to IEAC member organizations the week of November 28th and will be posted to Instagram along with the DSBN webpage.

**INDIGENOUS
SELF ID STUDENT
UPDATE**
(As of November 21, 2022)

Elementary 687 Students
Secondary 331 Students

Indigenous Education Logo

The DSBN Indigenous Education team has a new logo. The logo reflects the land of this region;

- Escarpment
- The waters that surround us
- Red-tailed hawk



DSBN Indigenous Education Team

Georgie Groat – Student Achievement Leader and Lead for Indigenous Education (Principal K-12)

Jamie Groat - Elementary Consultant (K-8)

Gail Lafleur – Secondary Consultant (9-12)

Sheila Maracle - Indigenous Supports Advisor (K-12)

Kursten Ransom - Re-engagement and Graduation Coach (9-12)

Kirsty Howie – Instructional Coach - First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Studies (9-12)

Ashley Buck – Interim Social Worker – Indigenous Students K-12

Ann Gilmore - Superintendent of Curriculum and Student Achievement (9-12)

Marian Reimer Friesen - Superintendent of Curriculum and Student Achievement (K-8)

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