

DSBN Indigenous Education Update

April 2022

HIGHLIGHTS

Indigenous Student Leadership Circle (ISLC)

- Kya Steinbach-Parker – Indigenous Student Trustee, continues to lead monthly circles virtually to connect First Nations, Métis, and Inuit secondary students from across the board with the support of the Indigenous Education team.

Indigenous Education Team

- As of March 21st, the DSBN Indigenous Education team has welcomed 2 new members – Kirsty Howie and Ashley Buck
- **Kirsty Howie** – has joined us from the Toronto District School Board. Kirsty is Anishinaabe from Nipissing First Nation and is in the role of Secondary Instructional Coach – Indigenous Education
- **Ashley Buck** – has joined the DSBN Social Worker team and is completing her hours for her Master of Social Work Program. Ashley will be with us until the end of the school year.

Additional Qualification courses (AQ) Spring 2022

- Part 2 began after March Break and Part 1 to begin in April

Self-ID Policy G-31 Review

- Is open for public feedback - on external DSBN site until April 23rd, 2022
- Please [click here](#) to access the website and please share this opportunity to provide feedback with community members

Board Action Plan (BAP) 2021-22

- Thank you to IEAC members for taking the time to look over the BAP and provide feedback at our meeting on March 9th.

Student Career Fair

- March 29, 2022, at the Niagara Regional Native Centre
- 36 students attended this event

Other Updates:

- Excited to share the work of Elementary and Secondary Consultants, the Re-Engagement/Graduation Coach, Instructional Coach, Indigenous Supports Advisor, and Social Worker at IEAC meeting on April 14

**INDIGENOUS
SELF ID STUDENT
UPDATE (as of April 6, 2022)**

Elementary **671 Students**
Secondary **323 Students**

Indigenous Education Logo
Approved by the Indigenous Student Leadership Circle at their February meeting.



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 – Social Worker – Placement until June 2022

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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