

DSBN Indigenous Education Update

June 2022

HIGHLIGHTS

Indigenous Student Leadership Circle (ISLC)

- Kya Steinbach-Parker – Indigenous Student Trustee, spoke with Intermediate students at the Gwi Ina'oomin: We Paddle Together event, to introduce herself, her role and to connect with grades 8's as they transition into secondary school.

First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Studies

- In May we brought together 8 educators with experience in teaching the NBE3 course to begin some planning. This work is being supported by the Indigenous Ed team, and an Indigenous faculty member from York University Faculty of Ed. The goal is to collaborate on best practices and to share valuable resources to all NBE3 teachers to provide a starting point for their courses in fall.

Indigenous Education Logo

- After our last IEAC meeting, we reached out to Made by Frame, a local design company to support in the creation of a new logo. This organization has local Indigenous artists and graphic designers they will connect with, to support us in this work.

Self-ID Policy G-31 Review

- Self-ID policy review has been deferred to November 2022 to be sure we have the feedback from IEAC and community members.

Board Action Plan (BAP) 2021-22

- We feel we are on a good path with this work. The BAP Sub-committee will be meeting again in June.

IEAC Summer Meeting (1-on-1)

- Georgie will be looking to meet 1-on-1 with all IEAC organizations again this summer, to follow up on 2021-22 and to discuss future goals and plans for the upcoming school year. Emails out soon!

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 June 9th.

INDIGENOUS SELF ID STUDENT UPDATE (as of June 1, 2022)

Elementary **671 Students**
Secondary **317 Students**

Indigenous Education Event

Gwi Ina'oomin : We Paddle Together:

- Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program, working in partnership with our Indigenous Education Team at Ball's Falls
- Over 80 Intermediate students learned about the canoe build from 2019 with Chuck Commanda and created their own paddles.



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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