



Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Minutes

Date: Friday December 15, 2023

Location: Muskoka Discovery Centre

Time: 10:00am

Present: Jennifer Johnston, Superintendent of Learning, Meeting Chair
Jacqualeen Beaver, Community Partner
Lori Benton, Principal, Glen Orchard Public School
Sarah Chaloux, Wahta Mohawks
Wes Hahn, Director of Education
Carol Holmes, Education Director, Wahta Mohawks
Tricia Holmes, Indigenous Student Success Team
Lillian Lummiss, Indigenous Student Success Team
Kelly Moore, Indigenous Education Curriculum Consultant
Larry O'Connor, Community Partner
Judy Saunders, Trustee
Christopher Stock, Community Partner
Sherry Telford, Indigenous Student Success Team
Monique Tindale, Indigenous Student Success Team
Trent Willett, Principal, Gravenhurst High School

Regrets: Louise Clodd, Trustee
Geoff Corbett, Principal, Bracebridge Muskoka Lakes Secondary School
Denise de Paola, Principal, IE Weldon Secondary School
Kelli Gates, Principal, VK Greer, Public School
Dave Rice, Community Partner
Dorothy Taylor, Community Partner

Guests: Kim Taylor, Wahta Mohawks

Staff: Wendy Browne, Executive Assistant

1 Opening in a Good Way

Elder Stock opened the meeting in a good way.

2 Land acknowledgement

3 Roll call

J. Johnston shared regrets and confirmed that quorum was present.

4 Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved.

5 Committee action items

5.1 Approval of the minutes of the September 22, 2023 meeting

The minutes dated September 22, 2023 were approved.

6 Administrative updates

6.1 Wahta Mohawks First Nation Update

C. Holmes and S. Challoux shared the following updates from Community:

- K. Taylor has joined the Wahta Mohawks Education Services team.
- The Indigenous trustee recommendation and the reciprocal education agreement is under review by community.
- Land-based learning continues, with tentative plans to bring in students from local schools to participate in the hands-on programming.
- Two evening language classes are taking place, featuring beginner sections and novice to intermediate level classes.
- SMASH Education language software programming is coming to completion. Licensing is now available.
- Ryan DeClaire will be the keynote speaker at a January 20th event, “Revitalizing Kanien’kéha: Understanding How We Got Here, What Holds Us Back, and What We Need For The Future.”

6.2 TLDSB update

J. Johnston shared the following updates from the Board:

- EQAO results were shared with a focus on the achievements of Indigenous students.
- K. Moore shared a presentation about the Indigenous Student Success Team’s attendance at the recent Indigenous LEADS conference.

7 Presentations and discussion

7.1 For input - Board Action Plan (BAP)

K. Moore shared a presentation on some of the successes from the Board Action Plan for the 2022-2023 school year, as well as the learning goals for this year’s BAP. A video of student activities, workshops, and presentations that have taken place this school year was shared. A suggestion was made to include a student representative on the advisory committee.

7.2 Indigenous Education Protocols

K. Moore shared draft protocols for welcoming Indigenous guests in schools. It was noted that all guests should be welcomed appropriately to schools.

6 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

8 Community updates/new business

7.1 Upcoming TLDSB Indigenous education events

There were no upcoming events discussed.

7.2 Other items

There were no other items for discussion.

8 Closing

L. O'Connor closed the meeting in a good way.

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