



## Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Minutes

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**Date:** Friday, May 17, 2024

**Location:** Wahta Mohawks Cultural Healing Centre

**Time:** 10:00am

**Present:** Jennifer Johnston, Superintendent of Learning, Meeting Chair  
Lori Benton, Principal, Glen Orchard Public School  
Sarah Chaloux, Language Coordinator, Wahta Mohawks  
Denise de Paola, Principal, IE Weldon Secondary School  
Wes Hahn, Director of Education  
Tricia Holmes, Indigenous Student Success Team  
Lillian Lummiss, Indigenous Student Success Team  
Kelly Moore, Indigenous Education Curriculum Consultant  
Larry O'Connor, Community Partner  
Dave Rice, Community Partner  
Judy Saunders, Trustee  
Dorothy Taylor, Community Partner  
Sherry Telford, Indigenous Student Success Team  
Monique Tindale, Indigenous Student Success Team  
Trent Willett, Principal, Gravenhurst High School

**Regrets:** Jacqualeen Beaver, Community Partner  
Louise Clodd, Trustee  
Geoff Corbett, Principal, Bracebridge Muskoka Lakes SS  
Kelli Gates, Principal, VK Greer Public School  
Carol Holmes, Education Director, Wahta Mohawks  
Christopher Stock, Community Partner  
Dorothy Taylor, Curve Lake First Nation

**Guests:** Christine Cox, Health & Social Director, Wahta Mohawks  
Maiya Dini, Student Trustee  
Patrik Lowen, Associate Director, Chiefs of Ontario  
Colleen Mendes, Child & Family Services Coordinator, Wahta Mohawks  
Kimberly Taylor, Wahta Mohawks

**Staff:** Wendy Browne, Executive Assistant

### 1 Opening in a Good Way

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

## **2 Land acknowledgement**

S. Telford shared a land acknowledgement.

## **3 Roll call**

J. Johnston 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 February 16, 2024 meeting**

The minutes dated February 16, 2024 were approved.

## **6 Jordan's Principle presentation**

P. Lowen shared a presentation on the findings of the Ontario Chiefs' [Review of the Implementation of Jordan's Principle in School Boards Report](#).

## **7 Administrative updates**

### **7.1 Wahta Mohawks First Nation Update**

S. Chaloux and K. Taylor shared the following updates:

- The Education Celebration for graduating students will take place on June 13, 2024.
- Funding, formerly used to support Elders and Knowledge Holders in the classroom, was used this year to support land-based learning in Community, including hide tanning, lacrosse, forest walks and scavenging, leek harvesting, crafting, and more. Grade 8 Glen Orchard Public School classes participated in the programming. Wahta Mohawks hopes to include TLDSB students in water-based learning in the future.

### **7.2 TLDSB update**

J. Johnston shared the following updates:

- Several Williams Treaty First Nations issued a public notice to City of Kawartha Lakes resident William Denby, who has been falsely claiming indigeneity and sharing misinformation in the area. Steps have been taken to prevent him from approaching students and staff on Board property.
- A posting has been shared internally for a part time Indigenous mental health counsellor position.
- Brittany Taylor of Curve Lake First Nation was recently recognized for a Director's Innovation Award for her work in schools.

- The 2024-2025 budget has been received and is under review by the Financial Services Department following the Ministry of Education's restructuring of funding.
- The Indigenous Student Success Team was thanked for their continued hard work.

## **8 Presentations and discussion**

### **8.1 Indigenous Education Year in Review**

K. Moore shared a presentation outlining the many projects, events, and programming that has taken place across the Board in this year. Students and educators from Gravenhurst Public School shared their experiences with the learning.

### **8.2 Honouring Indigenous Peoples Conference**

Student trustee M. Dini shared her experiences participating in the [Honouring Indigenous Peoples Conference](#) held in British Columbia this year.

## **9 Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

## **10 Community updates/new business**

### **10.1 Upcoming TLDSB Indigenous education events**

The TLDSB End of Year Pow Wow and Drum Social will take place on June 4, 2024 at IE Weldon Secondary School.

## **11 Closing**

The meeting was adjourned.

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