

Indigenous Education Committee (IEC) Meeting Minutes

May 28, 2024

Public Meeting

Roll Call:

Trustees:	Members:
K. Maracle B. Godkin	Present: Mandy Smart (Mohawk Traditional Knowledge Keepers from Tyendinaga) Crystal Loft (Mohawk Traditional Knowledge Keepers from Tyendinaga) Jessi DiRocco (LDSB – Elementary Indigenous Reengagement Teacher) Tasha Wallace (Parent/Caregiver Representative) Alice Johnston (LDSB – Elementary Indigenous Reengagement Teacher) Taylor Tye (KNCLN – River Program) Garnet Armand Ruffo (Parent/Caregiver Representative) Scot Gillam (LDSB – Superintendent) Liz Coates (Kingston Frontenac Public Library) Bond Strand (LDSB – Elementary Teacher – Bridge Program) Lindsay Morcom (Queen’s & Ardoch First Nation) Lorrie Larock (HomeBase Housing) Lindsay Rogers (Highland Waters Métis Council) Géorgie Gagné Cristina Warner (HomeBase Housing) Mary-Jane Vincent (LDSB – Indigenous Support Worker) Mel Urquhart (Youth Diversion) Shannon Tyner (LDSB – Principal – Ernestown Secondary School)

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	Regrets: Deb St. Amant (Queen’s University & Grandmother’s Council, LDSB Cultural Advisor) Jonnathan Marconi (Highland Waters Métis Council) Pat Brinklow (Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte) Jayne Blondin (Sexual Assault Centre – Kingston) Kristen Lemay (Kingston Frontenac Public Library) Kaycie Brant (Parent/Caregiver Representative) Nathan Cheechoo (Parent/Caregiver Representative) Linda Cory (Kagita Mikam) Martina Kataquapit (Parent/Caregiver Representative) Romaine Mitchell (Ministry of Ontario) Emily Eckloff (Indigenous Student Trustee) Michelle Nyamekye (LDSB – River Teacher) Mary-Ann Lyons (St. Lawrence College) Willow Prue (LDSB – Indigenous Student Support Counselor) Liv Rondeau (LDSB – Vice Principal of Indigenous Education) Lauren Smart (ITEP – Queen’s University) Alison Billings (Parent/Caregiver Representative) Ian Fanning (Kingston Native Centre and Languages Nest) Sandy Maracle (Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte) Martha Duncan (LDSB – Elementary Principal) Danka Brewer (Shabot Obaadjiwan Omaamiwininii Community)
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1. WELCOME

Crystal Loft and Mandy Smart opened the meeting.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made around the circle.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOVED BY: Lindsay Morcom that the agenda be approved. Carried.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY: Consensus of IEC that the March 19, 2024, IEC Minutes be approved. Carried.

5. INDIGENOUS TEAM UPDATES

5.1 Presentation: Indigenous Education Updates – Liv Rondeau, Jessi DiRocco and Alice Johnston presented an update on the latest activities and achievements of the Indigenous Team within LDSB.

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6. BOARD ACTION PLAN

6.1 Presentation: IEC Budget Information and Plans for 2024-2025 – Scot Gillam shared in-depth information regarding the IEC Budget for 2024-2025.

7. MEMBER UPDATES

7.1 Liz Coates, Kingston Frontenac Public Library – Updated IEC on the summer reading clubs that are being offered to students during the summer break.

7.2 Garnet Armand Ruffo, Parent/Caregiver Representative – Provided details about the “Poetry in Voice” contest he judged in early spring in Ottawa.

7.3 Trustee Bob Godkin – Shared information regarding a subcommittee of the Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) called the LGBTQ2+. The committee meets the second Tuesday of each month, and you are welcome to join.

7.4 Lindsay Morcom, Queen’s University & Ardoch First Nation – shared that Queen’s University had the largest graduating class ever from the World Indigenous Studies and Education Program.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was shared with IEC, regarding concerns about the parent/caregiver representative process, as well as other concerns. The matter was discussed and an agreed upon response was created and agreed upon by consensus among IEC members. This response was then shared with the individual who brought forward the concerns through the Co-Facilitators, Kelly Maracle and Scot Gillam.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

10. CLOSING

Crystal Loft and Mandy Smart closed the meeting.