

Indigenous Education Committee (IEC) Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2026

Public Meeting

Roll Call:

Trustees:	Members:
<p>J. Maracle R. Hutcheon</p>	<p>Present: Crystal Loft (Mohawk Traditional Knowledge Keepers from Tyendinaga) Mandy Smart (Mohawk Traditional Knowledge Keepers from Tyendinaga) Lindsay Morcom (Queen’s & Ardoch First Nation) Tyler Brinklow (FNMI Consultant and Grad Coach) Michelle Nyamekye (LDSB – River Teacher) Kaycie Brant (Parent/Caregiver Representative) Martha Duncan (LDSB – Elementary Principal – Fairfield Elementary School) Liv Rondeau (LDSB – Vice Principal of Indigenous Education) Alison Billings (Parent/Caregiver Representative) Rena Petrick (Parent/Caregiver Representative) Tasha Wallace (Parent/Caregiver Representative) Jessi DiRocco (LDSB – Elementary Indigenous Reengagement Teacher) Deb St. Amant (Queen’s University & Grandmother’s Council, LDSB Cultural Advisor) Amber Bryant-Peller (City of Kingston) Liz Coates (Kingston Frontenac Public Library) Scot Gillam (LDSB – Superintendent) Laura Callow, (Providence Care) Danka Brewer (Shabot Obaadjiwan Omaamiwininii Community) Gillianne Mundell (Elementary Land Based Indigenous Education Teacher) Laura Callow (Providence Care)</p>

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	<p>Regrets:</p> <p>Rachel Kolosov (LDSB Indigenous Student Trustee) Bond Strand (LDSB – Elementary Teacher – Bridge Program) Brandon Maracle (Kingston Native Centre and Languages Nest) Cristina Warner (HomeBase Housing) Jayme Blondin (Sexual Assault Centre – Kingston) Kristen Lemay (Kingston Frontenac Public Library) Martina Kataquapit (Parent/Caregiver Representative) Mary-Jane Vincent (LDSB – Indigenous Support Worker) Nathan Cheechoo (Parent/Caregiver Representative) Willow Prue (LDSB – Indigenous Student Support Counselor) Sandy Maracle (Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte) Patty Brinklow (Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte) Lorrie Larock (Youth Wellness Hubs of Ontario – One Roof) Lindsay Rogers (Highland Waters Métis Council) Géorgie Gagné Mel Urquhart (Youth Diversion) Taylor Arndt (KNCLN – River Program) Shannon Tyner (LDSB – Secondary Principal – Ernestown Secondary School)</p>

1. WELCOME

Crystal Loft and Mandy Smart (Mohawk Traditional Knowledge Keepers from Tyendinaga) opened the meeting. This meeting was held entirely in a virtual format due to inclement weather.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made around the circle.

3. COMMITMENT STRING 2025-2026

As the meeting was virtual, Crystal and Mandy will ensure anyone without a bead on the Commitment String can complete this process at the March 26, 2026, meeting.

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4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOVED BY: Consensus of IEC that the February 10, 2026, agenda be approved. Carried.

5. APPROVAL OF THE NOV 27th IEC MINUTES

MOVED BY: Consensus of IEC that the Minutes from November 27, 2026, be approved. Carried.

6. TEAM UPDATES

Vice Principal Rondeau shared the following updates:

- Monique Gray Smith visiting March 12 and 13, 2026. Community event on the March 12 and working with students and staff on the March 13. Monique is the author of *Braiding Sweetgrass for Young Adults* and many other books.
- Marie Wilson, who served as one of three commissioners of the TRC and her husband, Stephen, a residential school survivor, will be coming to lead professional development with history teachers on February 23, 2026.
- Friday, February 13, 2026, students, staff, and community members will be travelling to Montreal for the Kent Monkman exhibit at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts.
- Chad Solomon will be coming to visit several elementary schools in late March.

7. TERMS OF REFERENCE APPENDICES

- The draft Code of Conduct was shared with the Committee. Recommendations to include specific references to the 7 Grandfather Teachings and adding Anishabeemowin terms were made to the Committee.
- Updates to the Code of Conduct will be shared prior to the March meeting for final revisions and circle approval.
- **Terms of Reference Item 4.0 Meetings discussion.** Two caregiver members have missed three consecutive meetings. As per the Terms of Reference, the circle discussed this item and suggested that Co-Facilitators Maracle and Gillam reach out to the two caregivers to determine next steps. Consensus of the circle agreed with this action and information will be brought to the March, 2026 meeting for further discussion. LDSB staff did not participate in this decision of circle.

8. BAP 2025-2026

- Vice Principal Rondeau provided an update on the BAP. Liv reviewed six areas of focus and connected the recommended actions of the IEC to actions that the Indigenous team are enacting in support of Indigenous Education. As a reminder, the areas of focus are:
 - Student achievement and preparing students for the future.
 - Indigenous Language Revitalization.
 - Land-Based Learning.

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- Engagement and collaboration with local Indigenous partners, communities, and organizations.
- Improving/Expanding knowledge of all students and educators on Indigenous history, perspectives, contributions and ways of knowing.
- Culturally-responsive well-being supports.

9. COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES

- Committee members, including Liz, Laura, Amber, and others, shared updates on local events, language class initiatives, city engagement projects, and opportunities for collaboration, inviting further input and connections from the group.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

- Thursday, March 26, 2026

10. CLOSING

Crystal Loft and Mandy Smart (Mohawk Traditional Knowledge Keepers from Tyendinaga) closed the meeting.