Limestone DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Our Intention: To make a positive difference in the lives of every student, in every classroom, in every school.

Indigenous Education Committee (IEC) Meeting Minutes

November 26, 2024

Public Meeting

Roll Call:

Trustees:	Members:
B. Godkin J. Maracle	**Present:** Mandy Smart (Mohawk Traditional Knowledge Keepers from Tyendinaga) Crystal Loft (Mohawk Traditional Knowledge Keepers from Tyendinaga) Jessi DiRocco (LDSB – Elementary Indigenous Reengagement Teacher) Patrick Vanderholst (LDSB – Secondary Indigenous Reengagement Teacher) Scot Gillam (LDSB – Superintendent) Liz Coates (Kingston Frontenac Public Library) Lindsay Morcom (Queen's & Ardoch First Nation) Martina Kataquapit (Parent/Caregiver Representative) Shannon Tyner (LDSB – Secondary Principal – Ernestown Secondary School) Danka Brewer (Shabot Obaadjiwan Omaamiiwininii Community) Liv Rondeau (LDSB – Vice Principal of Indigenous Education) Martha Duncan (LDSB – Elementary Principal – Fairfield Elementary School) Deb St. Amant (Queen's University & Grandmother's Council, LDSB Cultural Advisor) Géorgie Gagné Mel Urquhart (Youth Diversion) Michelle Nyamekye (LDSB – River Teacher) Nathan Cheechoo (Parent/Caregiver Representative) Tasha Wallace (Parent/Caregiver Representative)

Trustees:	Members:
	Regrets: Bond Strand (LDSB – Elementary Teacher – Bridge Program) Patty Brinklow (Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte) Jayme Blondin (Sexual Assault Centre – Kingston) Kristen Lemay (Kingston Frontenac Public Library) Linda Cory (Kagita Mikam) Romaine Mitchell (Ministry of Ontario) Mary-Ann Lyons (St. Lawrence College) Willow Prue (LDSB – Indigenous Student Support Counselor) Brandon Maracle (Kingston Native Centre and Languages Nest) Sandy Maracle (Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte) Taylor Arndt (KNCLN – River Program) Garnet Armand Ruffo (Parent/Caregiver Representative) Lindsay Rogers (Highland Waters Métis Council) Cristina Warner (HomeBase Housing) Rachel Kolosov (LDSB Indigenous Student Trustee) Alison Billings (Parent/Caregiver Representative) Lorrie Larock (Youth Wellness Hubs of Ontario – One Roof) Mary-Jane Vincent (LDSB – Indigenous Support Worker) Kaycie Brant (Parent/Caregiver Representative) Gillianne Mundell (Elementary Land Based Indigenous Education Teacher)

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: Consensus of IEC that the agenda be approved. Carried.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY: Consensus of IEC that the September 24, 2024, IEC Minutes be approved. Carried.

5. INDIGENOUS TEAM UPDATES

Vice Principal Liv Rondeau, and Indigenous Reengagement Teachers Jessi DiRocco and Patrick Vanderholst presented an update on the latest activities and achievements of the Indigenous Team within LDSB. Updates from the Indigenous Education Team included :5 days of Professional Development at Gould Lake, lacrosse workshops with Dawn Maracle and Mekwan Tulpin, loom beading projects in Grade 9 math classes, continued support for NAC10 and NBE 3U/C/E classes, year-long land-based learning projects, and support of the New Teacher Induction Program.

6. BOARD ACTION PLAN (BAP)

Committee Members were given time to review the Board Action Plan. They worked in small groups to review the 22 initiatives that will be reported on in the BAP. After working in small groups, they were able to provide feedback through a group discussion. The feedback was recorded and will be added to the final version of the BAP which the IEC will be asked to sign-off on.

7. MEMBER UPDATES

Members shared updates from their communities or organizations.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

A letter discussing concerns regarding the IEC and its practices, dated October 29, 2024, was shared with IEC. Concerns discussed included the annual review of membership, the number of current parent/caregiver members, the application process itself, and non-member participation. Each item was discussed by the IEC and general consensus was reached on a response to the concerned individual. The response was to be delivered by Co-Facilitators Superintendent Gillam and Trustee Maracle.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

Tuesday, January 28, 2025

10. CLOSING

Crystal Loft and Mandy Smart closed the meeting.