



Six Nations Advisory Committee

Thursday, March 30 2023

1:00 p.m.

MS Teams Virtual Meeting

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- Chair:** C. VanEvery-Albert, Trustee
- Community Representative(s):** S. Graham, Six Nations Federal Schools Representative
- Trustees:**
- Grand Erie Staff:** R. Hill-Beauchamp, Community Liaison Worker
K. Graham, Superintendent of Education
J. Martin, Native Advisor Teacher Consultant
Nil.
- Grand Erie Staff (Resources):**
- Organizations/ Agencies:** Nil
- Absent with Regrets:** A. Powless-Bomberry, Six Nations Elected Council Representative
L. Martin, Six Nations Community Representative
J. Roberto, Director of Education
R. Staats, System Principal Leader Indigenous Education
E. Thomas, Trustee
M. Turner, Native Education Counsellor
S. Vansickle, Native Education Counsellor
S. Williams, Native Education Counsellor
- Absent:** T. Anderson, Indigenous Services Canada Director of Education responsible for Six Nations Federal Schools
A. Skye, Indigenous Student Trustee
- Recording Secretary:** D. Fletcher, Executive Assistant

- A - 1 **Opening**
- (a) **Opening Address**
Chair VanEvery-Albert provided opening greetings for the Six Nations Advisory Committee (SNAC) Meeting.
- (b) **Land Acknowledgment Statement**
Superintendent Graham read the Land Acknowledgment statement.
- (c) **Introduction of New Members & Roll Call**
Native Advisor Teacher Consultant J. Martin welcomed committee members.
- (d) **Declaration of Conflict of Interest** - Nil
- (e) **Approval of Agenda**
The agenda was approved by consensus.
- (f) **Student Trustee Update** – Nil
Chair VanEvery-Albert shared that A. Skye has been selected as the Indigenous Student Trustee for the 2023-24 school year.



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B - 1 **Business Arising from Minutes and/or Previous Meetings**

(a) **Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

Native Advisor Teacher Consultant J. Martin provided an update on the upcoming Annual General Meeting. It is tentatively scheduled for April 20th as an open house with drop-in format with times of 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The location venue is still being confirmed.

There will be a sign-up option, light lunch/dinner. A variety of topics and information booths will be provided for parents/community. Once details are finalized, the information will be advertised and shared out in the community.

(b) **Input to Education Services Agreement**

Native Advisor Teacher Consultant J. Martin referred to the to the Six Nations Education Services Agreement 2020-25 Summary.

The agreement articulates the commitment between Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) and Grand Erie DSB (GEDSB) in regard to services and programs provided for Grand Erie students who reside at Six Nations of the Grand River Territory.

J. Martin highlighted key points in the agreement: Tuition, Staff/Teachers, Professional Development, Special Programs and Supports, Curriculum and Courses, Transitions, Community Collaboration and Engagement, Reporting, Special Education, Special Programs and Compensatory Education Funding.

Chair VanEvery-Albert to follow up with Mark Hill regarding discussion of the Education Services Agreement.

(c) **Update on Board Action Plan and Indigenous Cultural Competency Training**

Superintendent Graham provided an update that the Board Action Plan has been submitted to JoAnn Henry, Education Officer at the Ministry of Education.

He shared that the Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres is supporting the Indigenous Cultural Competency Training; this is one aspect in supporting the competency training as we continue to explore other options.

C - 1 **Approval of Minutes**

(a) **Approval of Minutes – February 16, 2023**

Native Advisor Teacher Consultant J. Martin moved THAT the minutes of the Native Advisory Committee held on February 16, 2023 be approved. The minutes were approved by consensus.

Carried

She provided an update for item B-1-b Update on Implementation of new Terms of Reference. Letters have been sent out to various organizations with empty seats on this committee. There has been no response to date.

She provided an update for item D-1-a Board Action Plan. Indigenous Education Teacher Consultant S. Miller has taken the lead for the Indigenous Speaker Series: Jock Hill (May 2, 2023 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.) and Ellie Joseph (June 6, 2023 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.).

D - 1 **ESA Staff Roundtable**



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(a) **Updates from each school**

Community Liaison Worker R. Hill-Beauchamp provided an overview regarding attendance and referrals at secondary schools. She has been participating in the Grade 8 transition meetings and is monitoring a list of students as a proactive approach. Discussion included: transition planning to encourage students to stay in secondary school and redevelopment of transition plan to meet student success. The concept of a summer or school camp was shared.

E - 1 **New Business**

(a) **Six Nations Student Engagement – Post COVID-19**

Native Advisor Teacher Consultant J. Martin shared a snapshot of data that included demitted students from Six Nations who were removed from the roll during March 2020 - Feb 2023. Data was provided for students aged 18-21 and students under the age of 18 years old.

In response to a question, Native Advisor Teacher Consultant J. Martin provided clarification that some options offered to students to re-engage them include: another secondary school, Nations/NewStart Program, Turning Point Program, School Within A College, and Grand Erie Learnings Alternatives. Information from this report that outlines options can be provided at the AGM.

F - 1 **Information Items**

(a) **Policies Out for Comment**

Superintendent K. Graham referred to the [Policies Out for Comment](#) that are posted on the Board Website for stakeholder feedback and invited committee members to review them. Input will be received until April 19, 2023.

(b) **Virtual Presentation – “Staying Connected: Understanding (Cyber)Bullying in a Wireless World” – with Dr. Danielle Law – April 27th, 2023**

Superintendent K. Graham referred to the flyer for the Speaker Series Presentation by the Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee (GEPIC), Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC), Indigenous Education Advisory Committee (IEAC), and Student Senate.

(c) **Year End Events**

Native Advisor Teacher Consultant J. Martin shared information on upcoming events. The United Indigenous Student Council will be held on May 17, 2023. The event is a culturally based event organized by the Haudenosaunee Sports Development Group that will include a Key-Note Speaker, activity, and games. All secondary schools will be in attendance.

A Student Success Celebration (in lieu of Graduation event) will be held to acknowledge the success of all Secondary FNMI students. Details are not yet confirmed.

(d) **Indigenous Trustees Council of OPSBA**

Chair VanEvery-Albert attended the Indigenous Trustees' Council Meeting in January 2023 and shared an update on the meeting. OPSBA is seeking a part-time position supporting the Indigenous Trustees council.

G - 1 **Next Meeting**

June 8, 2023 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

H - 1 **Closing Address & Adjournment**

Trustee VanEvery-Albert adjourned the meeting at 2:23 p.m.