



Six Nations Advisory Committee

Thursday December 14, 2023

1:00 p.m.

Pauline Johnson Collegiate & Vocational Institute (Bistro)

AGENDA

- A - 1 **Opening**
- (a) Ohen:ton Karihwatehkwen J. Laight
 - (b) Land Acknowledgement Statement K. Graham
 - (c) Introduction of New Members & Roll Call C. VanEvery-Albert
 - (d) Approval of Agenda C. VanEvery-Albert
- Recommended that the Agenda be approved with the following additions/deletions:*
- (e) Student Showcase J. Laight
- B - 1 **ESA Staff Updates**
- (a) Updates from each school ESA Staff
 - J. Laight (Native Advisor)
 - R. Hill-Beauchamp (Native Counsellor) - MPSS
 - C. Vyse (Native Counsellor) - BCIVS & PJCVS
 - D. VanEvery (Native Counsellor) - HSS
- C - 1 **Business Arising from Minutes and/or Previous Meetings** - Nil
- D - 1 * **Approval of Minutes**
- Recommended that the Minutes of the September 28, 2023 meeting be approved with the following revisions:*
- C. VanEvery-Albert
- E - 1 **New Business**
- (a) Meeting Dates: K. Graham
 - February 22, 2024 (Virtual)
 - April 18, 2024 (*In person)
 - May 16, 2024 (Six Nations Annual General Meeting)
 - June 13, 2024 (*In person)
 - (b) Annual General Meeting Planning Update C. VanEvery-Albert
 - (c) Student Transitions Update J. Laight
 - * (d) Terms of Reference K. Graham
- F - 1 **Information Items**
- (a) Student Senate Update A. Skye
 - (b) Principal's Report Administrator
- G - 1 **Next Meeting**
- Thursday, February 22, 2024
- C. VanEvery-Albert
- H - 1 **Closing Address & Adjournment**



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

A - 1 **Opening**

(a) **Ohen: ton Karihwaterkwon**

Six Nations Native Advisor J. Laight provided opening greetings.

(b) **Land Acknowledgment Statement**

Superintendent Graham read the Land Acknowledgment statement.

(c) **Introduction of New Members & Roll Call**

Introductions and Roll call were completed.

(d) **Declaration of Conflict of Interest** - Nil

(e) **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved by consensus.

B - 1 **ESA Staff Roundtable**

(a) **Introductions and Updates from each school**

Superintendent Graham introduced Six Nations Native Advisor, J. Laight and the Education Service Agreement (ESA) team members.

J. Laight shared a general overview of her role and the connections with the ESA Staff. Current and future initiatives include: continual work throughout the year with Transitions, co-facilitated NBE teacher professional development, work with the indigenous Support Leadership Council (ISLC) and the Indigenous Student Trustee, ESA Report, Enrolment (students), support Multi Language learners (MLL), graduation strategy, and Adult Education Program on Six Nations



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Native Education Counsellor, R. Hill-Beauchamp shared information and updates about McKinnon Park Secondary School:

- Focus on Grade 12 students will include work with Indigenous recruiters from colleges and universities to provide opportunities and connections, tracking their success, potential Prior Learning and Recognition (PLAR) process, updating information available to encourage parental engagement at the schools, updating Brightspace (Learning Platform), and working with the Nutrition Program
- Special Event will be held on September 29, 2023 - Football game between MPSS and PJCVS with half time show recognizing "Every Child Matters".

Native Education Counsellor D. VanEvery shared information and updates about Hagersville Secondary School/NewStart Program:

- Focus on promoting attendance and face to face instruction
- October meetings - one on one meetings with grade 12 students for graduation status and potential pathways grad status

Invitations to remaining Six Nations Advisory Committee meetings for the year will be sent to committee members.

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

D - 1 **Approval of Minutes**

(a) **Approval of Minutes – June 8, 2023**

Trustee E. Thomas moved THAT the minutes of the Native Advisory Committee held on June 8, 2023 be approved.

Carried

E - 1 **New Business**

(a) **Meeting Dates**

Superintendent Graham shared a calendar with proposed meeting dates: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

December 14, 2023 (*In person)

February 22, 2024 (Virtual)

April 18, 2024 (*In person)

May 16, 2024 (Six Nations Annual General Meeting- Time TBD)

June 13, 2024 (*In person)

(b) **Annual General Meeting (AGM) Planning**

Chair VanEvery-Albert shared that the purpose of the AGM is to provide information to the community.

Next steps will be to create a planning committee and schedule meetings. This is a community event promoting Community Awareness Month

Committee members are asked to save the date and share the information with the community.

(c) **Terms of Reference (ToR)**

Superintendent Graham referenced the Terms of Reference document (ToR).



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F - 1 Information Items

(a) **Student Senate Update** - Nil

(b) **Proposed Date for ESA Report Presentation to SNEC**

Chair VanEvery-Albert shared that a date has been proposed to meet with Council in October. Details will be provided once they are confirmed.

(c) **Principal's Report (Future Item)** - Superintendent Graham shared that the Administrators from the Big Six schools will be asked to join future meetings to provide updates about their school. Information provided in the report will include a focus on academics, and photographs of events at the schools.

(d) **Student Showcase (Future Item)** - Superintendent Graham shared that the student showcase could include a student testimonial or presentation (via video).

G - 1 Next Meetings include:

December 14, 2023 (*In person) 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Location TBD

February 22, 2024 (Virtual)

April 18, 2024 (*In person)

May 16, 2024 (Six Nations Annual General Meeting)

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H - 1 Closing Address & Adjournment

Six Nations Native Advisor, J. Laight gave the closing address.

Chair VanEvery-Albert adjourned the meeting at 2:08 p.m.



Six Nations Advisory Committee Terms of Reference 2023-24

1.0 **Statement of Purpose and Responsibility**

The purpose of the Six Nations Advisory Committee is to ensure the educational services purchased through the Education Services Agreement are maintained at a high-quality level, and to represent the interests of the students from Six Nations of the Grand River Territory enrolled in Grand Erie schools by providing the board appropriate and accurate advice on matters related to their education.

2.0 **Committee of the Composition**

- a. Six Nations Trustee
- b. One Trustee of the Board
- c. Six Nations community representative appointed by the Committee
- d. Six Nations Elected Council Education portfolio holder
- e. Haudenosaunee Confederacy Council representative (appointed by HCC)
- f. Education Services Agreement Native Advisor-Teacher Consultant
- g. Education Services Agreement Native Education Counsellors (3)
- h. Education Services Agreement Community Liaison Worker
- i. Grand Erie DSB Principal Leader of Indigenous Education
- j. Grand Erie DSB Director of Education and/or Superintendent responsible for Indigenous Education
- k. Indigenous Services Canada Director of Education responsible for Six Nations Federal Schools and/or designated representative
- l. Grand Erie DSB Indigenous Student Trustee
- m. Kawennio Immersion School representative
- n. Everlasting Tree School representative

Others may be invited to participate as resource members as required by the agenda.

3.0 **Committee Operating Procedures and Scope:**

The Six Nations Advisory Committee shall:

- 1) Be chaired by the Six Nations Trustee.
- 2) Hold a minimum of four regular committee meetings during the school year. Dates, times and format (in-person or virtual) to be determined each year by the Committee members. Additional meetings may be called by the Chair on the advice of the Committee.
- 3) In addition to the four regular committee meetings, hold an Annual General Meeting in the Six Nations community, that is open to parents/caregivers, and where information for them is shared and input gathered on programs and services for their children attending Grand Erie schools.
- 4) Maintain standing items on each regular meeting agenda and follow an annual agenda cycle as per appendix #1.
- 5) Advise the Six Nations Trustee and the Six Nations Elected Council Education portfolio holder on matters for negotiation on the Education Services Agreement with Indigenous Services Canada, and make recommendations to the GRAND ERIE DSB Director of Education regarding revisions to the Education Services Agreement via the Six Nations Trustee.
- 6) Ensure that the Six Nations Trustee and the Six Nations Elected Council Education Portfolio Holder are participating members of the negotiation team when the Education Services Agreement is renegotiated or revised.
- 7) Recommend and facilitate formal meetings between Six Nations of the Grand River Territory and the Board as may be necessary.



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- 8) Provide direction on the preparation of the Education Services Agreement Annual Report.
- 9) Present the Education Services Agreement Annual Report to the board via the Six Nations Trustee and Native Advisor-Teacher Consultant.
- 10) Present the Education Services Agreement Annual Report to Six Nations Elected Council via the Six Nations Trustee and Native Advisor-Teacher Consultant.
- 11) Make recommendations for presentation to the Director and the Board, as appropriate for the matter, on matters regarding the development and/or implementation of programs and services, facilities, Board policies and special services with respect to students from Six Nations of the Grand River territory enrolled on Grand Erie DSB schools.
- 12) Respond to the board on requests for advice and recommendation on any matters which the board may present to the Committee.
- 13) After the normal process for communicating concerns has been exhausted, act as a body for the hearing of concerns from parents/caregivers of students from Six Nations of the Grand River Territory in respect to services provided by the Board covered by the Education Services Agreement and shall advise/make recommendations to the Board or the GRAND ERIE DSB Director, as is appropriate for the matter, regarding resolution to concerns.
- 14) The Committee shall make decisions by consensus, but may consider other methods of decision-making as may be required from time to time as per appendix #2.
- 15) Solely hold the right to revisions to these Terms of Reference as required and by formal motion of the Six Nations Advisory Committee, as outlined in the GRAND ERIE DSB Governance Policy.

4.0 **Role of the Board:**

The Board/board shall:

- 1) Receive and support recommendations from the Six Nations Advisory Committee respecting the Education Services Agreement via the GRAND ERIE DSB Director and Six Nations Trustee.
- 2) Seek the advice and recommendations of the Six Nations Advisory Committee when developing new policies or when amending existing policies of the Board which may affect students from Six Nations of the Grand River Territory that are enrolled in GRAND ERIE DSB schools.
- 3) Provide resource support for the presentation of the Education Services Agreement Annual Report to Six Nations Elected Council