

Indigenous Education Committee

Location: LDSB Education Centre – Boardroom – 220 Portsmouth Avenue, Kingston, ON

Date: Tuesday, May 28, 2024

Time: 5:30 PM - Meal, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM, Meeting

Agenda

- I. 5:30 pm – Meal
- II. 6:00 pm - Opening – Crystal and Mandy (Mohawk Traditional Knowledge Keepers from Tyendinaga)
- III. Introductions
- IV. Agenda Confirmation
- V. Approval of March 19, 2024, IEC Minutes (Pages 2-6)
- VI. Team Updates – Scot, Liv, and Team
- VII. Board Action Plan – Budget Information and Plans for 2024-2025
- VIII. Member Updates
- IX. Correspondence
- X. Closing – Crystal and Mandy



INDIGENOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 19, 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) Deb St. Amant (Queen's University & Grandmother's Council, LDSB Cultural Advisor) Jonnathan Marconi (Highland Waters Métis Council) Taylor Day (Four Directions Indigenous Student Centre) Jessi DiRocco (LDSB – Elementary Indigenous Reengagement Teacher) Liv Rondeau (LDSB – Vice Principal of Indigenous Education) Tasha Wallace (Parent/Caregiver Representative) Alice Johnston (LDSB – Elementary Indigenous Reengagement Teacher) Taylor Tye (KNCLN – River Program) Constance Carrierre-Prill (Kingston Native Centre and Languages Nest) Garnet Armand Ruffo (Parent/Caregiver Representative) Scot Gillam (LDSB – Superintendent) Liz Coates (Kingston Frontenac Public Library) Sandy Maracle (Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte) Martha Duncan (LDSB – Elementary Principal) Bond Strand (LDSB – Elementary Teacher – Bridge Program) Ian Fanning (Kingston Native Centre and Languages Nest) Lindsay Morcom (Queen's & Ardoch First Nation) Danka Brewer (Shabot Obaadjiwan Omaamiwininii Community) Lorrie Larock (HomeBase Housing) Alison Billings (Parent/Caregiver Representative) Lauren Smart (ITEP – Queen's University) Guest: Mack Bain, Queen's Student in Indigenous Studies

Regrets:
 Lindsay Rogers (Highland Waters Métis Council)
 Pat Brinklow (Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte)
 Jayme Blondin (Sexual Assault Centre – Kingston)
 Kristen Lemay (Kingston Frontenac Public Library)
 Kaycie Brant (Parent/Caregiver Representative)
 Mel Urquhart (Youth Diversion)
 Mary-Jane Vincent (LDSB – Indigenous Support Worker)
 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)
 Christina Michie (LDSB – Secondary Indigenous Reengagement Teacher)
 Shannon Tyner (LDSB – Principal – Ernestown Secondary School)
 Cristina Warner (HomeBase Housing)
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Limestone District School Board

Limestone District School Board is situated on traditional territories of the Anishinaabe & Haudenosaunee.

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1. WELCOME

Deb St. Amant opened meeting.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made around the circle.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOVED BY: Constance Carrierre-Prill that the agenda be approved. Carried.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 IEC Minutes – January 30, 2024

MOVED BY: Jonnathon Marconi that the January 30, 2024, IEC Minutes be approved. Carried.

5. TEAM UPDATES

Vice Principal Liv Rondeau shared the name of the new Indigenous Student Trustee – Rachel Kolosov. The team then shared information on the following events that took place prior to the IEC Meeting:

- Basket Making with Carol Ann Maracle
- Boil Alert Film Screening
- Honouring the Gifts of the Land at Bayridge Secondary School
- Loom Beading at Rideau Public School

Future activities for the Spring include:

- NBE Professional Development for teachers
- Math and Loom Beading at Kingston Secondary School
- Christy Jordan-Fenton visiting Napanee schools
- Indigenous Leadership Circle traveling to Soaring in Ottawa
- Kindergarten Learning Series on Indigenous Education

Mack Bain, a student in Indigenous Studies at Queen's, delivered a presentation on her work supporting Limestone. This included an Indigenous Resource booklet, posters, and an Allyship guide. We are deeply appreciative of Mack's contributions to these valuable resources.

6. BOARD ACTION PLAN (BAP)

Vice Principal Liv Rondeau reviewed the sections of the BAP and provided information on initiatives in each section. Superintendent Gillam will bring a financial update to the May IEC Meeting. Once the BAP is uploaded, it will be shared with IEC for final approval. We are currently working on next year's BAP as well.

7. PROTOCOLS

The following protocols were approved by consensus:

- Indigenous Community Member Protocol
- Indigenous Education Referral Form
- Indigenous Education Tobacco Protocol
- Smudging Ceremonies

These protocols will be brought back to IEC again next year for any adjustments.

8. TERMS OF REFERENCE

Prior to approval of the Terms of Reference for 2024-2025, Danka Brewer brought up a discussion point of succession planning for those retiring or leaving their role as representative on IEC. Danka also referenced the absence of Kingston Police and the OPP. Superintendent Gillam will reach out to Kingston Police and our local OPP detachments that cover the board.

9. MEMBER UPDATES

Members shared updates from their communities or organizations.

10. JUNE 21, 2024, CALVIN PARK GRADUATION

A discussion was held about the Calvin Park Graduation taking place on National Indigenous Peoples Day. The consensus was that this was acceptable if students still had time to honour and celebrate the day and that the day was recognized during the graduation ceremony to honour Indigenous students and families.

11. CLOSING

Deb St. Amant closed meeting.