

IEAC MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 7, 2019

Hosted by NCDSB

Meeting Location: Casa Dante Hall, 34 Lincoln Street, Welland, Ontario

Participants in attendance:

District School Board of Niagara	Ronda Menard, Jamie Groat, Erica Zombolas, Deana Davies, JoAnna Roberto
DSBN Student Ambassador	Ness Griffin
DSBN Parent Representative	Bobbi Jones Japp
NCDSB	Brian Kon, Ted Farrell, Marco Magazzeni, Krista Moscato
NCDSB Parent Representative-	Tammy Givans
Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre	Gary Parker, Shannon Cotter, Dave Labbé (IEAC Elder)
Inuit Council	Cindy Biancaniello
Niagara Chapter of Native Women	Louise Hickey
Niagara College	Ashley Buck
NPAAMB	Brittany Clause, Christiane Muir
Niagara Regional Native Centre	Mia Bakker, Willow Shawanoo, Allison Gillard (student)

1. Opening, Welcome & Introductions:

- 1.1. Brian Kon called the meeting to order and introduced Dave Labbé as IEAC's Elder.
- 1.2. Dave Labbé provided a traditional opening.
- 1.3. The community members had met with DSBN prior to the committee of the whole and NCDSB will meet with the community members after the committee of the whole has completed its business.
- 1.4. Attendance was collected.
- 1.5. Introductions were made.

2. Approval of Agenda & Minutes:

- 2.1. Agenda approved.

3. Review/Approval of Minutes:

- 3.1. Gary Parker suggested that everyone review the minutes when they are emailed so that if there are any corrections/additions, they can be made prior to the meeting.

3.2. Minutes approved.

4. IEAC Membership Review:

4.1. Ronda Menard stated that she has not received all of the membership forms yet and requires that all forms be sent to her as soon as possible. Ronda distributed the forms she received for the 2019/2020 school year and asked that those individuals present from each agency initial the form to ensure their information is correct and to also check with alternates.

5. Sub-Committee Reports:

5.1. Terms of Reference Committee (ToR):

5.1.1. The Committee met just prior to this IEAC meeting. Highlights from the meeting included:

- 5.1.1.1. Recommendation that suggestions for future changes to the ToR be submitted to the Subcommittee for discussion during subcommittee meetings, however, official changes to the ToR will be done once per year rather than constantly changing throughout the year.
- 5.1.1.2. Need to determine how Brock University will be represented. For example, will Brock continue to sit as a single member of IEAC or based on department representation for Tecumseh Centre, Aboriginal Student Services and the Vice-Provost office?
- 5.1.1.3. Need to develop a good conflict of interest clause that deals officially how the Co-Chairs can lead the meetings but also ensure their agency has a voice at the table.
- 5.1.1.4. Need an umbrella clause that can be applied to all members for the main meeting as well as subcommittees.
- 5.1.1.5. Number of seats at IEAC meetings and representation. IEAC currently includes community members, parents, students and school board designates. Senior Administration from both school boards should attend for any school board questions that may arise. "vote holders" who are a part of decision making should be clearly defined.

5.2. Board Action Plan Committee:

5.2.1. Gary stated that BAP for DSBN has been signed off. Meeting with NCDSB will take place after today's IEAC meeting.

5.3. Finance Committee:

5.3.1. Marco is compiling list which includes dates for local funding initiatives and public foundations that will fund specific initiatives (i.e. Laidlaw Foundation) Indigenous Youth and Community

Futures, apply for funding. He will send out list to committee when completed and they will have a meeting afterwards.

5.3.2. Gary is working with MPP who is compiling list of funding opportunities. Government has cut a lot of funding...where to get funding now?

6. Community Round Table:

6.1. DSBN

6.1.1. DSBN has sponsored Tanya Talaga for a 4-part speaker series as part of the Moccasin Talks.

6.1.2. Ness Griffin – Student Trustee, DSBN – details of role will be worked out.

6.2. **NCNW** – just very busy time of year

6.3. NRNC

6.3.1. Youth drop in 4 nights a week focusing on mental health, addiction, etc. Nurse practitioner is on site. There is a need to push to keep her because it is a pilot project.

6.3.2. Upcoming dates include: November 15th – biggest fundraiser of the year. December 7th – Children's Christmas Party. October 3rd 2020 – Pow Wow. November 23 – Harvest Social. December 12th – Community Christmas Dinner. Flyers will be sent out for all programs offered.

6.4. NPAAMB

6.4.1. Opportunity Knocks 2019 – November 14-16, 2019. Registration is online. Trade show occurs on Friday, November 15th, and will be interactive.

6.4.2. Please send paper copies of applications to Brittany instead of St. Catharines.

6.4.3. Tonight at Niagara Falls Museum is Smoke Signals movie. Exhibits are free every Thursday night from 5:00 pm to close.

6.4.4. Every first Wednesday of the month is an info session from 2:30 – 3:30 and an afterschool drop in from 4:00 – 6:00 – at Niagara Falls office. Next session is December 4th.

6.4.5. Oya:na program in Fort Erie – January 13th, 2020 in Fort Erie. Journey to Success – Hospitality and Tourism – partnership with Niagara College and YMCA – January 7th.

6.4.6. Building Futures – residential construction program in partnership with Habitat for Humanity, Mohawk College and YMCA.

6.4.7. Utilizing the transit system is encouraged for students to attend programs, but other options will be considered.

6.5. Niagara College

6.5.1. Very busy month – Indigenous Awareness Month. Many different activities are occurring to celebrate Indigenous culture across both campuses.

6.5.2. Indigenous Career Fair on November 29th, in partnership with Brock, and both school boards.

6.5.3. Donna is off work until the new year so Leanne Gagnon will be your contact.

6.6. Inuit Council

6.6.1.Cindy announced that the Manitoba Inuit Association will be sponsoring the Council by sending any resources free of charge. They are donating art and artifacts that will be on display at Brock University.

6.6.2.Cindy doing presentations in schools and lectures at the university re Inuit culture.

6.6.3.Today is National Inuit Day

6.7. Niagara Regional Metis Council

6.7.1.November 15th will be celebration of Louis Riel. Flag raising at 11:00 am. There will be cultural activities and food. Encouraged everyone to come out.

6.7.2.November 2nd is Metis and dot art workshop in partnership with the Niagara Falls History Museum – over 30 participants are registered.

6.8. NCDSB

6.8.1.Working on Indigenous Career Fair with DSBN, Brock and Niagara College.

6.8.2.Reached out to City of Niagara Falls and the falls were lit orange on honour of Orange Shirt Day. Turnout was good and the response from everyone was mostly positive

6.9. FENFC

6.9.1.Language course starts tonight and everyone is welcome. Oneida courses starting soon.

6.9.2.Christmas party is being held on December 7th...details are on Facebook.

6.9.3.Started working on Youth and Elders Conference to be held in March 2020. Event is growing in numbers and we will need assistance from both school boards. Currently negotiating with the Scotia Centre in Niagara Falls.

7. Elder, Dave Labbe provided a closing to the meeting

8. Meeting Adjourned

Next meeting will be held n February 27, 2020. DSBN will confirm location.