



Indigenous Education Council

Meeting Notes

November 14, 2024 @ 5:30 p.m.

1. Marianne Groat, Student Achievement Leader for Indigenous Education, welcomed all attendees to the meeting.
2. Corry Carter, Indigenous Languages Consultant, provided a traditional opening in Mohawk.
3. Marianne Groat introduced the DSBN Indigenous Education Team and external consultant, Georgie Groat, who has been hired to help re-imagine the DSBN Indigenous Education Council structure for 2024/2025.
4. Georgie Groat provided a brief history of the Indigenous Education Advisory Council in Niagara. She highlighted struggles with attendance/quorum, and feedback provided by previous members on the challenges of the past structure. She shared details about the plan to re-imagine the Indigenous Education Council (IEC) in a way that provides a way of meeting that meets Ministry Criteria with a student focus. The aim is to seek authentic feedback and guidance to shape the work.
5. Georgie Groat briefly reviewed the Board Action Plan requirements and the DSBN Strategic Plan Goal “Walking Together”.
6. Clayton Mishibinijima spoke about his role as Indigenous Student Trustee as well as his experience as a DSBN student. He also read a submission from Indigenous Student Leader Rayna Bristow.
7. A meeting schedule for the 2024/2025 school year was shared.

Date	Virtual/In-person
Thursday Nov 14, 2024 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.	Virtual
Thursday Dec 12, 2024 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.	In-person @ DSBN Education Centre, 191 Carlton St., St. Catharines
Thursday Feb 13, 2025 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.	Virtual
Thursday April 10, 2025 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.	In-person @ DSBN Education Centre, 191 Carlton St., St. Catharines
Thursday May 29, 2025 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.	Virtual

8. Participants were asked to complete a feedback form or email Georgia.Groat@dsbn.org with any questions or comments.
9. Corry Carter provided a traditional closing.