

IEAC Meeting Minutes

Friday, September 21st, 2018

Hosted by: NCDSB @ Chippawa Park Community Centre
128 Fitch Street, Welland, Ontario

Participants:

Brock University	Sandra Wong
Niagara College	Donna Gerber
District School Board of Niagara	Ronda Menard, Jamie Groat, Marci Malloy Erica Zombolas, Paul Taylor, Helen McGregor SO Secondary, JoAnna Roberto SO Elementary
Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre	Jennifer Dockstader, Gary Parker
Inuit Council	Cindy Biancaniello
Niagara Catholic District School Board	Brian Kon, Kelsey Dick
Niagara Chapter of Native Women	Lacey Lewis
Niagara Regional Native Centre	Chris Shawanoo, Theresa Gillis, Samantha Wilding (guest), Julianna Morin (guest), Bobbi Jones Japp (guest), Jay Shawana (guest)
MNO	Amanda Pont-Shanks (guest)
Niagara Region Metis Council	Giselle Legiehn
NPAAMB	Christiane Muir
Parent	Tammi Givans (guest)

Minutes:

- Recorded by Mary Gallardi, Administrative Assistant to Ted Farrell, Superintendent of Education, Niagara Catholic District School Board.

Opening, Welcome & Introductions:

- As the Board Lead hosting this meeting, Brian Kon (NCDSB) called meeting to Order at 12:27 pm and welcomed everyone on behalf of NCDSB and DSBN.
- Gary Parker provided a traditional opening.

Approval of Agenda & Minutes:

- Agenda Approved.
- Minutes Approved – Motioned by Jennifer Dockstader and Seconded by Sandra Wong.
 - Carried.

Chair Update:

- Resignation of Brian Kon as Co-Chair of IEAC, advanced notification by email and confirmed today.
- Chair positions for 2018-2019:
 - Gary Parker continues as Chair representing Community.
 - Lacey Lewis nominated as Co-Chair representing Community by Jennifer Dockstader, seconded by Sandra Wong.
 - Carried.

IEAC Membership:

- Gary discussed importance of the membership. Forms need to be filled out by every organization that wishes to remain an active participant in the IEAC – renewed and reviewed annually.
 - The Board Action Plan process requires IEAC Membership be identified– no one filled it out last year.
 - In submitting the Membership application, it identifies who the designate is and who the alternate is. Ronda Menard handed out the membership forms.
 - Moving forward, once the Membership applications have been filled out for this school year, the designate has the seat at the table and is the voice of their organization at the meeting, the alternate comes to the meeting in the event the designate is unavailable.
 - Three organizations on the previous Membership list have stated they only wanted to receive information (both housing organizations and IDHC).
- **Action Item:** Membership forms are to be scanned and emailed back to Ronda by Friday, September 28th, 2018.
- The existing subcommittees are temporarily on hold as it will either be the designate or alternate to sit on these committees moving forward.
- Discussion:
 - School Boards are organizing parent groups to become advisory committees to the School Boards.

- DSBN – PIC is open to any parents; posting meeting dates will be posted on website.

Land Acknowledgement:

- Updates from Board, other AEC's and Region:
 - Ronda read out what DSBN and the Region is currently using and handed out the written copy.
 - Brian read out what NCDSB is currently using – Brian will forward the written copy.
- Discussions around what the Region is using and adopting that with a few minor changes. Such as changing the word “meeting” to “gathering”.
 - Jennifer Dockstader suggested that it be reviewed with the Terms of Reference – review the Land Acknowledgement Statement, so that as things evolve it will as well.
 - Chris Shawanoo suggested taking out reference to specific nations.
 - Kelsey Dick advised that when she met with the Ministry, the MOE didn't want to see the word “Territory”.
 - It was suggested that Kelsey follow up with the Ministry and share the Land Acknowledgement that the Region has with a few minor changes and advise the Ministry that it will be reviewed with the Terms of Reference and let Region know we are using this.
 - The committee agreed it could “live with this acknowledgement” and then review with the Terms of Reference except for the change of the word “meetings to gatherings”.

Indigenous Mid-Year Report Discussion:

- Ronda Menard (DSBN) advised that the Mid Year Report Update will be released in April and November. Next one will be in November.
- Brian Kon (NCDSB) confirmed that moving forward NCDSB reports will be released in April and November, to coincide with DSBN.
- Both Boards will provide updates at the November 15th IEAC Meeting.

Subcommittee Reports:

- Terms of Reference – membership on this committee to be confirmed once the IEAC Membership has been documented.

- Paul Taylor (DSBN) handed out copies of the working draft of the Terms of Reference. This version reflects all of the changes prior to the June 25th meeting and highlighted area are the revised changes since the June 25th meeting.
 - Paul will continue to be the lead for this subcommittee.
- Discussion followed as committee members scanned the document.
 - **Action Item:** Gary Parker suggested that until the IEAC Membership is finalized and the new TOR committee is formed to jot down comments and/or concerns and provide to the designate from each organization who sits on the committee, or to send to Paul Taylor who is tracking all changes and suggestions.
 - Gary stated the importance of the role of Superintendents on IEAC and its subcommittees but need to define in what capacity.
- Grants and Finance committee: nothing to report, membership for coming year will be based on IEAC Membership documentation of designate or alternate from each agency.

Board Action Plans

- 2017-2018 Board Action Plan – process, updates, timelines, next steps discussed.
 - Step1 Process – need to submit 2017-2018 was due September 13th with signatures.
 - Step 1 completed by BAP subcommittee – assessing 2017-18 Board Action Plan, giving feedback, rating on a scale and then see where we can improve on 18-19 and to be submitted to the Ministry.
- 2018-2019 Board Action Plan – follows submission of Step 1 (review of last year’s achievements) and identifies Board plans for this school year.
 - IEAC to have another meeting prior to October 12th in order to submit the plan.
 - Both Boards have been working with the subcommittee to ensure relevant areas are included in the plans.
 - The community members met with each Board separately.
 - **DSBN Updates:**
 - Meeting occurred to review 2017-2018 Board Action Plan with Community IEAC. Members of Niagara Catholic District School Board left meeting for this section.
 - **Niagara Catholic Updates:**
 - Meeting occurred to review 2017-2018 Board Action Plan with Community IEAC. Members of District School Board of Niagara left meeting for this section.

Committee of the whole reconvened. Gary Parker and Jennifer Dockstader, due to the time, had to leave for prior FEFC commitment. Brian Kon (NCDSB) assumed the role of Chair.

- In the absence of Gary Parker, items remaining from the agenda would be carried forward to the next meeting.

Closing:

Reminders:

- Membership forms due by September 28th, 2018 in order to be included in this year's participating organization.
- Review Feedback from DSBN and submit by September 28th, 2018 to Ronda Menard.
- October 12th, 2018 is the next deadline date for Step 1 and 2018-19 Plan.
- Next IEAC meeting tentative for Wednesday, October 10th, 2018, Location to be determined.

Review dates for this year's IEAC Meetings:

IEAC Meetings 2018-19	Hosting	Location
September 21, 2018	NCDSB	NCDSB
November 15, 2018	DSBN	DSBN
January 24, 2019	NCDSB	NRNC
April 18, 2019	DSBN	FENFC
June 6, 2019	NCDSB	MNO Thorold

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.