



Indigenous Education Advisory Committee

Thursday, May 29, 2025

3:30 p.m.

Norfolk Room, Education Centre/ MS Teams Virtual Meeting

AGENDA

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| A - 1 | Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Opening Address(b) Land Acknowledgement Statement(c) Introduction of New Members & Roll Call(d) Agenda Additions/Deletions/Approvals(e) Student Showcase | Chair
K. Graham
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| B - 1 | Consent Agenda
Recommended Motion:
<i>"THAT Indigenous Education Advisory Committee accept the May 29, 2025 Consent Agenda and the recommendations contained herein"</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Approve the minutes of:<ul style="list-style-type: none">* (i) Indigenous Education Advisory Committee minutes dated March 27, 2025 | Chair |
| C - 1 | Business Arising from Minutes and/or Previous Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Indigenous Education Advisory Committee - Collaborative Brainstorm (From March 27, 2025) | K. Graham |
| D - 1 | New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Updates – Community | Committee Members |
| E - 1 | Information Items <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Indigenous Education Update(b) System Update | Chair
K. Graham |
| F - 1 | Next Meeting
TBD | Chair |
| G - 1 | Adjournment | Chair |
| H - 1 | Closing Address | Chair |



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Chair:	J.P. Gauthier, Indigenous Education Teacher Consultant
Trustee:	R. Collver, Trustee A. Hill, Student Trustee T. Sault, Trustee
Grand Erie Staff:	K. Graham, Superintendent of Education R. Mullings, Elementary Principal
Organizations/ Agencies:	J. Burnham, Local Association Representative V. King-Jamieson, Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Education Pillar Lead
Parent/Family Designates	Nil.
Regrets:	P. Barber, Director of Lifelong Learning of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation C. General, Local Association Representative L. Harris, Local Association Representative D. Montour, System Principal Leader of Indigenous Education (Acting) J. Roberto, Director of Education A. Sault, Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation J. Shawana, Local Association Representative T. Simon, Parent/Family Designate
Absent:	D. Bomberry, Lifelong Learning of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation S. George, Parent/Family Designate K. Henry, Local Association Representative K. Sandy, Local Association Representative D. Sowers, Local Association Representative R. Skye, Indigenous Education Advocate L. Silversmith, Local Association Representative L. Staats, Parent/Family Designate S. Miller, Indigenous Education Teacher Consultant
Guests:	S. Miller, Indigenous Education Teacher Consultant
Recording Secretary:	D. Fletcher, Executive Assistant

A - 1 Opening

Chair Gauthier shared the video "Words Before All Else" for the opening address.

(a) Land Acknowledgement Statement

Superintendent Graham read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

(b) Introduction of Members & Roll Call

Introductions and Roll Call were completed.

(c) Agenda Additions/Deletions/Approvals

J. Burham, Local Area Representative, requested to add agenda item D-1-b: Role/Purpose of the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee. The revised agenda was approved by consensus.



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(d) **Student Trustee Update**

Indigenous Student Trustee A. Hill shared that he continues to support student engagement through visits to secondary schools, Indigenous Student Association meetings and Student Senate Meetings.

B - 1 **Consent Agenda**

Moved by: T. Sault

Seconded by: J. Burnham

THAT Indigenous Education Advisory Committee accept the March 27, 2025 Consent Agenda and the recommendations contained herein

Approve the minutes of:

(i) Indigenous Education Advisory Committee minutes dated December 12, 2024

Carried

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

(a) **Board Action Plan (BAP) Update (From December, 2024)**

The presentation outlined the Board Action Plan for Indigenous Education in Ontario, focusing on improving educational access, supporting students and educators and enhancing engagement and awareness. The budget allocations included Total BAP Allocation, Program Leadership Grant, Deferred Revenue, and supplemental amounts.

D - 1 **New Business**

(a) **Updates – Community**

Nil.

(b) **Role/Purpose of the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee**

A brief discussion included the role and responsibilities of the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee. Additional information from both the Board and Provincial perspectives will be provided at the next meeting on May 29, 2025 for clarification.

E - 1 **Information Items**

(a) **Indigenous Education Update**

R. Staats from Delhi District Secondary School is the new Indigenous student trustee for 2025/2026.

A. Hill the current Indigenous Student Trustee, has visited Grand Erie secondary schools, met staff and Indigenous Student Association members. He is also planning a year-end event with the United Indigenous Student Council to unite Council Members, Indigenous Student Association members, IEAC and SNAC members, community partners, and families.

The United Indigenous Student Council met to discuss the year-end event, ways to foster belonging for UISC students, and advocate for more Indigenous courses. They also participated in a team-building exercise, identifying migratory birds, with the winning team receiving hummingbird feeders.

The Indigenous Knowledge Specialist High Skills Major Pilot Program was initiated recently, concentrating on lacrosse within the MPSS Health and Wellness program.



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The Indigenous Education team is supporting transition efforts for grade 7 and 8 students from on-reserve elementary schools, including secondary school tours for grade 7 students.

Other events/initiatives include: Lacrosse training (BCI, Mount Pleasant, St George-German), Workshops (beading, corn harvesting, making corn husk dolls, wellness crafts, Water first program, and moccasin making), Guest Speakers (Dr. Allan Downey at HSS, Brad Howie from NFN, Brooke and Ellie Johnson at Bellview), trips (Crawford Lake, Woodland Cultural Centre, Six Nations, and post-secondary institutions including Waterloo, Conestoga, and Mohawk College).

(b) **System Update**

System Updates included: Distributive Education Clubs of America's Business Competition (DECA) – McKinnon Park, St. George Learning Commons, Days of Significance, Education Service Agreement (ESA), Policy Feedback and Consultation ,Tech is Grand (Promoted to all schools), School Year Calendar 2025-26, Toronto Holocaust Museum, Kick-Start to Kindergarten, Innovation Hub, Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) Focused Apprenticeship Skills Training (FAST), Course Selection – Grade 8 and Special Olympics.

F - 1 **Next Meeting**

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G - 1 **Adjournment**

Chair Gauthier adjourned the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

H - 1 **Closing Address**

Chair Gauthier shared the video "Words Before All Else" for the closing address.