



Six Nations Advisory Committee

Thursday April 17, 2025

1:00 p.m.

Indigenous Education Room, Haldimand School Support Centre/
MS Teams Virtual Meeting

AGENDA

- A - 1 **Opening**
- (a) Ohen: ton Karihwatehkwen C. VanEvery-Albert
 - (b) Land Acknowledgement Statement K. Graham
 - (c) Introduction of New Members & Roll Call C. VanEvery-Albert
 - (d) Approval of Agenda C. VanEvery-Albert
 - Recommended that the Agenda be approved with the following additions/deletions:*
 - (e) Student Showcase S. Hill
- B - 1 **Consent Agenda** C. VanEvery-Albert
- Recommended Motion:**
- "THAT Six Nations Advisory Committee accept the April 17, 2025 Consent Agenda and the recommendations contained herein"*
- (a) Approve the minutes of:
 - * (i) Six Nations Advisory Committee minutes dated February 27, 2025
- C - 1 **ESA Staff Updates**
- (a) Updates from each school ESA Staff
 - Carey Vyse (Native Counsellor) - BCIVS & PJCVS
 - Carly Vyse (Native Counsellor) - HSS
 - D. Powless (Native Counsellor) - MPSS
 - A. Williams (Community Liaison)
 - S. Hill (Six Nations Advisor)
- D - 1 **Business Arising from Minutes and/or Previous Meetings**
- (a) Annual General Meeting – May 15, 2025 S. Hill
- E - 1 **New Business**
- (a) ESA Update C. VanEvery-Albert
 - (b) Partnership Across the District C. VanEvery-Albert /K. Graham
- F - 1 **Information Items**
- (a) System Updates K. Graham
 - (b) Meeting Dates: K. Graham
 - May 15, 2025 (Annual General Meeting)
 - June 12, 2025
- G - 1 **Next Meeting** C. VanEvery-Albert
- Thursday, June 12, 2025
- H - 1 **Closing Address & Adjournment**



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Chair:

**Community
Representative(s):
Trustee:**

K. Graham, Superintendent of Education
A. General, Kawenní:io/Gawení: yo Private School
S. Graham, Six Nations Federal Schools Representative
T. Waldschmidt, Trustee
S. Hill, Six Nations Advisor
D. Montour, System Principal Leader of Indigenous Education
(Acting)
D. Powless, Indigenous Education Counsellor
J. Roberto, Director of Education
Carey Vyse, Indigenous Education Counsellor
Carly Vyse, Indigenous Education Counsellor
A. Williams, Community Liaison Worker

**Grand Erie
Staff/Resources
Regrets:**

M. Hill, Cultural Mentor (Hagersville Secondary School)
J. White, Superintendent of Education
C. VanEvery-Albert, Trustee
A. Powless-Bomberry, Six Nations Elected Council Representative
A. Hill Indigenous Student Trustee
E. Thomas, Trustee

Absent

C. VanEvery-Albert, Everlasting Tree School
T. Anderson, Indigenous Services Canada Director of Education
responsible for Six Nations Federal Schools

Guest

Nil

Recording Secretary:

D. Fletcher, Executive Assistant

A - 1 Opening

(a) Ohen: ton Karihwatehkwen

Hagersville Secondary Student P. Skye provided opening greetings.

(b) Land Acknowledgment Statement

Superintendent Graham read the Land Acknowledgment statement.

(c) Introduction & Roll Call

Introductions and Roll Call were completed.

(d) Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by consensus.

(e) Student Showcase

Carey Vyse, Indigenous Education Counsellor and M. Hill, Cultural Mentor invited students who attend Hagersville Secondary School students to introduce themselves and share experiences at the school. Common themes included: Positive experiences and relationships with students and teachers and feeling that support and help is easily accessed.

B - 1 Consent Agenda

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Approve the minutes of:

(i) Six Nations Advisory Committee minutes dated December 12, 2024

Community Liaison Worker A. Williams moved THAT the minutes of the Six Nations Advisory Committee held on June 13, 2024, be approved.

C - 1 **ESA Staff Roundtable**

(a) **Introductions and Updates from each school**

Common learning initiatives and events across the district included: Workshops (Wellness, Moccasin Making), Girls' Empowerment Group, UISC monthly meetings, Conestoga College Tours, Support with University/College Applications and Funding, Homework Help, Support with Time-tabling/Incoming Transfers/Promotion Meetings, Course Selection, Preparation for Right Fit Event (March 6), and Six Nations Council High Average Awards, Hugh O'Brian Youth (HOBY) Leadership Program, and school visits from A. Hill, Indigenous Student Trustee.

Brantford Collegiate Institute and Vocational School: Guest Speaker Colin Martin shared Haudenosaunee teachings, Committee formulated for staff to promote Anti-Racism, Inclusion, and Restorative Justice in BCI and Health Services support Tree and Tosh.

Hagersville Secondary School/NewStart Program: PLAR and ISRT meetings, WIND Lacrosse workshop, and Cultural March break camp - connecting with Oneida Nations of the Thames

McKinnon Park Secondary School: Men's Lacrosse team (McMaster Tournament), Grand Erie Student Interview on Lacrosse (Upcoming story on the growth of the Men's Lacrosse Program and Grand Erie's support for the sport), and Ogwehhoweh Skills and Trades Training Centre (OSTTC).

Pauline Johnson Collegiate & Vocational School: Egodinigohahniyoh Workshop, and Beaded Pins/Ornaments.

A. Williams, Community Liaison Worker works with 9 schools -BCI, CSS, GELA, HSS, NNS, MPSS, NPC, PJCVS, TTSC. Initiatives include working with: Cultural Mentors and Guidance Counsellors, Vice-Principals to support students, Children Mental Health/Girls Group, and students as they advocate through Life skills class and Co-operative Education.

S. Hill new to her role as Acting Six Nations Advisor continues to learn and observe.

D - 1 **Business Arising from Minutes and/or Previous Meetings**

(a) **Annual General Meeting (May 15, 2025)**

The Six Nations Community Hall has been booked for the event. Communication and Advertising Plan has been created and will be shared out with Community. The format of the event to be finalized.

E - 1 **New Business**

Conversations continue; the current Education Service Agreement will end June 30, 2025.



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(a) **Partnership Across the District**

Partnerships that have taken place this year working towards Truth and Reconciliation.

- Transitions Grade 8- 9 Regional Session held at Community Hall
- Professional Development Day - Specialized services
- Professional Development Day - Clerical
- Hagersville Secondary School - Land Based Learning Bundle
- Grand Erie Math Achievement Action Plan (GEMAAP)
- Innovation Plan – NNS Partnership: 3D printers, Drone work, Woz ED kits
- Centre of Excellence – Inclusion of Indigenous Names (Haudenosaunee or Anishinaabe)

F - 1 **Information Items**

(a) **System Updates**

System updates included: Distributive Education Clubs of American's Business Competition (DECA) – McKinnon Park Secondary School, St. George German School Learning Commons, Days of Significance, Education Service Agreement (ESA), Monthly Bulletin (Director's Monthly Bulletin), Tech is Grand (Promoted to all schools), School Year Calendar 2025-26, Toronto Holocaust Museum, Kickstart to Kindergarten, Innovation Hub, Paris District High School Hosted "Women in Trades" Event,

(b) **Meeting Dates**

Meeting dates scheduled for 2025:

- April 17, 2025
- May 15, 2025 (Annual General Meeting)
- June 12, 2025

G - 1 **Next Meeting:**

Thursday, April 17, 2025, location to be determined.

H - 1 **Closing Address & Adjournment**

P. Skye, Hagersville Secondary School Student gave the closing address.
Chair Graham adjourned the meeting at 2: 50 p.m.