

## Indigenous Education Committee Agenda/Minutes

Date: Wednesday June 14, 2023
Time: 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Location: Delta Hotel and Conference Center, Sault Ste. Marie - David Thomson Room
Online: google meet - <u>https://meet.google.com/xya-hqev-waf</u>
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Attendees: Akeshia Trudeau, Lina DiPasquale, Christine Durocher, Danny Viotto, Elizabeth Nahwegezhic, Micaela
Olejnik, Hannah Syrette, Kesha Mcleod, Donna Grenier, Marnie Yourchuk, Taylor Madonna, Debbie Mayer, Dorothy Eastman, Connie Traves, Rachelle Lambert, Pat Carter, Shelly Pewapsconias

Chair: Akeshia Trudeau

**Minutes**: Hannah Syrette/Lina DiPasquale

AGENDA ITEMS		ACTION	WHO
1.	Prayer and Welcome	<ul><li>Welcome</li><li>Land acknowledgement</li><li>Prayer</li></ul>	Akeshia Trudeau
2.	Introductions	Round table introductions in person and virtual	Akeshia Trudeau

3.	Approval of Minutes from June 7, 2022	<ul> <li>Indigenous Education Committee Minutes review</li> <li>IEC Monday April 24.docx</li> </ul>	All
4.	Community Updates	<ul> <li>Last night Garden River First Nation celebrated their graduates!</li> <li>Mississauga First Nation- Celebrated June 6th, 2023, having June 21st celebration. Looking to develop a summer program to improve reading skills, with the students that may be falling behind. Concerned that the students are failing and looking to address. Summer learning program is open to K-6 virtually. Goal of the program is to close the literacy and numeracy gap.</li> <li>No other community updates.</li> </ul>	Community members
5.	Director's Update	<ul> <li>Danny and superintendents were invited to the Garden River First Nation Teaching Lodge.</li> <li>They will meet with Chief Rickard and a group of knowledge keepers at the Teaching Lodge on June 19, 2023.</li> </ul>	Danny Viotto
6.	Presentations	<ul> <li>Mino Bimaadiziwin Summer Transition Program         <ul> <li>Summer Transition Program Presentation 202</li> </ul> </li> <li>NAC10 - Summer reach ahead         <ul> <li>NAC10: Expressions of First Nations, Metis a</li> <li>how can we offer this in a virtual setting to our students in the East and North</li> </ul> </li> <li>Indspire Soaring Youth Conference         <ul> <li>Indspire Soaring 2023</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Hannah Syrette Elizabeth Nahwegezhic Kesha Mcleod Akeshia Trudeau

7.	Indigenous Education Update	<ul> <li>Working in the HSCDSB STEAM lab to create Indigenous focused STEAM programming         <ul> <li>includes traditional ways of knowing, through hands-on activities, such as beading and sewing.</li> <li>In the future, there are hopes to expand to working with birch bark, willow to look at structures.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Attended Indspire's Youth Conference (presentation above)</li> <li>working on NAC10 - summer reach ahead course (presentation above)</li> <li>Pow wow - Indigenous People's Day - partnered with Batchewana FN.</li> </ul>	Akeshia Trudeau
		<ul> <li>Lina DiPasquale         <ul> <li>BAP initiatives: Elders in the Classroom, Outdoor Education, <u>St Kateri</u>, Pow Wow, NHL speaker <u>Jason</u> <u>Simon</u>, STEAM photos<u>STEAM</u></li> <li>Indigenous Education Priorities Grant Feedback Focus on Numeracy and Literacy</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Lina DiPasquale
		<ul> <li>Elizabeth Nahwegezhic</li> <li>Moved from Indigenous Student Advisory Council to an Indigenous Student Council- 4 executive positions and 2 council members (room for more)</li> <li>Cultural workshops to help build students bundles and regalia</li> <li>Supporting students daily academic, emotional, and social needs</li> <li>Preparing grade 12 graduates for post-secondary</li> <li>Regular scheduled visits with elders and community agencies (MNO, Steve McCoy, TD for financial literacy)</li> <li>Promoting summer learning and courses to all high school</li> </ul>	High School Grad Coach (Elizabeth Nahwegezhic)

		<ul> <li>students</li> <li>Mino Bimaadiziwin Summer Transition Program <ul> <li>■ STP Flyer 2023.pdf</li> </ul> </li> <li>Hannah Syrette <ul> <li>Began Grade 8 Check in's to prepare Students for Graduation</li> <li>Wrapped up High School 101 sessions - success</li> <li>Grade 8 Indigenous Transition Day at St. Mary's College in April which highlighted Supports/services, the first day of school, study strategies, attendance, schedules, etc. Skills Ontario in the afternoon to highlight Indigenous Peoples in the Skilled Trades. Huge success.</li> <li>Attended Welcome to Kindergarten Events</li> <li>Continuing with Transition Meetings</li> <li>Hosting two Indigenous Transition Coach Meet &amp; Greets/Information Sessions Wednesday June 28th, 2023 and Wednesday August 2nd, 2023 <ul> <li>■ itc meet and greet picture.png</li> <li>Out of Office- July 4-31st.</li> </ul> </li> </ul></li></ul>	Summer Grad Coach (Kesha Mcleod) Transition Coach (Hannah Syrette)
8.	Discussion Topics	<ul> <li>LTIV (Listening to Indigenous Voices) virtual sessions to be inclusive of all who were interested in attending. Blanket exercise to open sessions. Important that it is relevant to our territories.</li> <li>Gr 11 English - looking to add Indigenous Authors to the book list</li> </ul>	All

		<ul> <li>NSL will be offered at SMFI and virtually to the Northern schools next year.</li> </ul>	
9.	Recommendations	<ul> <li>Data to support initiatives, evidence based decisions</li> <li>Surveys are being sent out to gather input from all stakeholders.</li> </ul>	All
10.	New Business		All
11.	Meeting Dates	<ul> <li>Will be announced early in the 2023-2024 school year.</li> <li>noted that people would really like to meet in person more often and if we could travel to different communities.</li> </ul>	
12.	Closing Prayer	Closing Prayer	Akeshia Trudeau
		Miigwetch, baamaapii	