



# Indigenous Education Advisory Committee

Thursday, March 27, 2025

3:30 p.m.

Norfolk Room, Education Centre/ MS Teams Virtual Meeting

## AGENDA

- A - 1 **Opening**
- (a) Opening Address Chair
  - (b) Land Acknowledgement Statement K. Graham
  - (c) Introduction of New Members & Roll Call Chair
  - (d) Agenda Additions/Deletions/Approvals Chair
  - (e) Student Trustee Update A. Hill
- B - 1 **Consent Agenda** Chair
- Recommended Motion:**
- "THAT Indigenous Education Advisory Committee accept the March 27, 2025 Consent Agenda and the recommendations contained herein"*
- (a) Approve the minutes of:
    - \* (i) Indigenous Education Advisory Committee minutes dated December 12, 2024
- C - 1 **Business Arising from Minutes and/or Previous Meetings**
- (a) Board Action Plan (BAP) Update (From December 12, 2024) K. Graham
- D - 1 **New Business**
- (a) Updates – Community Committee Members
- E - 1 **Information Items**
- (a) Indigenous Education Update Chair
  - (b) System Update K. Graham
- F - 1 **Next Meeting** Chair
- Thursday May 29, 2025
- G - 1 **Adjournment** Chair
- H - 1 **Closing Address** Chair



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## MINUTES

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

- A - 1 **Opening**
- (a) Chair Gauthier shared a video on the opening address.
  - (b) **Land Acknowledgement Statement**  
Superintendent Graham read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.
  - (c) **Introduction of Members & Roll Call**  
Introductions and Roll Call were completed.
  - (d) **Agenda Additions/Deletions/Approvals**  
The agenda was approved by consensus.
  - (e) **Student Trustee Update**



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Indigenous Student Trustee A. Hill shared that his role provides him the opportunity to attend the following meetings to share in student voice: United Indigenous Student Council (UISC), Board meetings, Six Nations Advisory Committee (SNAC), Indigenous Education Advisory Committee (IEAC) and Indigenous Student Association (ISA).

Highlights from the UISC included the request for more Board policies and procedures regarding Indigenous Student Association (ISA) as well as improved representation of the ISA Flags at schools. Opportunities for increased communication between staff and students was also discussed.

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

#### (a) **Consultation/Board Action Plan (BAP) (From October 24, 2024)**

Recommendations and feedback provided at the last meeting were presented in relation to and aligned to the four funding categories: Using Data to Support Student achievement, Supporting Students, Supporting Educators and Engagement and Awareness Building. The Indigenous Education Team will continue to work through the suggestions and ideas provided.

### C - 1 **Approval of Minutes**

#### (a) **Approval of Minutes - October 24, 2024**

T. Simon moved THAT the minutes of the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee held on October 24, 2024, be approved.

### D - 1 **New Business**

#### (a) **Updates – Community**

Committee Members provided updates.

Local area representative K. Henry shared that Niagara Peninsula Aboriginal Area Management Board (NPAAMB) is offering a new program: Lacrosse Training & Employment Program that runs from Jan 21<sup>st</sup> – March 7<sup>th</sup> course for ages 18-30. The Oya:na Program provides Course Offerings: Building Our Bundles, Exploring Our Bundles, and Implementing Our Bundles. More information can be found on the website.

Local area representative A. Sault shared that the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) shared that MCFN is offering incentives for the Food Bank for MCFN band members in secondary schools. Information has been distributed to schools. The forms can be found on their website.

### E - 1 **Information Items**

#### (a) **Showcase/Reflection/Information Sharing**

The Indigenous Education Team includes Teacher Consultants, Graduation Coaches, Counsellors, and Team Leaders. Members/Roles of the Indigenous Education Team were shared.

They support Indigenous learners in learnings of the following: authentic artworks, history/languages, development of the Indigenous Knowledge SHSM Programs (Lacrosse @ MPSS and Arts/Cultures at PJCVS), Learning from on the land, transition events to support Grade 7 and 8 students from Six Nations and Mississaugas of the



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Credit First Nation, and United Indigenous Student Council (Leadership, advocacy, consensus/team building).

(b) **Indigenous Education Update**

As above

(c) **System Update**

System updates included: The Toronto Holocaust Museum (January 23, 2025), Police Resource Outreach Supporting Education (PROSE), Innovation Hub, You Belong Here Video Campaign, Grand Erie's Artificial Intelligence in Education, Revised Estimates, School Naming, Educational Assistant Professional Development, and Project Search.

**J. Boyer and J. Hooper (School Culture and Well-Being) reviewed the Mental Health 3-year Strategy that will support the board from 2025-2028:**

- Purpose - provide an understanding of key topics for the 3-year Mental Health Strategy
- Gather feedback and Information on what is important for you to see reflected in this plan
- Mental Health Strategy 2025-2028: Every Student Every Day: Pillars Include: Identity Affirming, Leading space In Healthy Schools, Collaboration, and partnerships

F - 1 **Next Meeting**

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Committee members were invited to share ideas to reach out to organizations to be part of the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee. Vacancies are open for Elders or Knowledge Keepers.

G - 1 **Adjournment**

Chair Gauthier adjourned the meeting at 4:46 p.m.

H - 1 **Closing Address - Nil**