



Six Nations Advisory Committee

Thursday Sept 26, 2024

1:00 p.m.

Indigenous Education Room, Haldimand School Support Centre

AGENDA

- A - 1 **Opening**
- (a) Ohen: ton Karihwaterkwew
 - (b) Land Acknowledgement Statement
 - (c) Introduction of New Members & Roll Call
 - (d) Approval of Agenda
Recommended that the Agenda be approved with the following additions/deletions:
 - (e) Student Showcase
- B - 1 **ESA Staff Updates**
- (a) Updates from each school
 - Carey Vyse (Native Counsellor) - BCIVS & PJCVS
 - Carly Vyse (Native Counsellor) - HSS
 - D. Powless (Native Counsellor) - MPSS
 - A. Williams (Community Liaison)
 - D. VanEvery (Six Nations Advisor)
- C - 1 **Business Arising from Minutes and/or Previous Meetings**
- D - 1 * **Approval of Minutes**
Recommended that the Minutes of the June 13, 2024 meeting be approved with the following revisions:
- E - 1 **New Business**
- (a) Education Service Agreement (ESA) Update
- F - 1 **Information Items**
- (a) Terms of Reference (ToR)
 - (b) Mohawk Circle
 - (c) System Committee Updates
 - (d) Meeting Dates:
 - December 12, 2024
 - February 17, 2025
 - April 17, 2025
 - May 15, 2025 (Annual General Meeting)
 - June 12, 2025
- G - 1 **Next Meeting**
Thursday, December 12, 2024
- H - 1 **Closing Address & Adjournment**



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Chair:	C. VanEvery-Albert, Trustee
Community Representative(s):	A. Powless-Bomberry, Six Nations Elected Council Representative Amanda General, Kawenní:io/Gawení: yo Private School S. Graham, Six Nations Federal Schools Representative (Tentative)
Trustee:	E. Thomas, Trustee
Grand Erie Staff:	K. Graham, Superintendent of Education D. Montour, System Principal Leader of Indigenous Education (<i>Acting</i>) D. Powless, Indigenous Education Counsellor J. Roberto, Director of Education D. VanEvery, Indigenous Education Counsellor C. Vyse, Indigenous Education Counsellor L. Munro, Superintendent of Education
Grand Erie Staff (Resources):	
Regrets:	J. Laight, Six Nations Indigenous Advisor Caroline VanEvery-Albert, Everlasting Tree School
Absent	A. Skye, Indigenous Student Trustee 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**
Chair VanEvery-Albert provided opening greetings by sharing the video “The Words Before All Else”.
- (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**
Highlights included:
The last UISC meeting was held on May 17th and included a Pow Wow and Social Dance. At the last Student Senate meeting the environmental group discussed the completion of projects, including signage on recycling bins, removal of single use plastic water bottles from vending machines, and changes made to the process of the reading/sharing of the Land Acknowledgment Statement in schools. Every school was provided with an 8-foot maple tree to be planted over the summer as an acknowledgment of their participation in the Student Senate.
- B - 1 **ESA Staff Roundtable**
- (a) **Introductions and Updates from each school**



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Initiatives/events at **Brantford Collegiate Institute and Vocational School and Pauline Johnson Collegiate & Vocational School:**

Meet and greets with the Brantford Regional Indigenous Support Centre and Niagara Peninsula Aboriginal Area Management Board, Peer Study Skills Workshop, social at S.T.E.A.M., Moccasin Pattern Workshop, World Cultural Lacrosse Workshop, Pow Wow (UISC), Athletic Banquet (Lacrosse team) and Graduation celebrations.

Initiatives/events at **Pauline Johnson Collegiate & Vocational School:** Grade 7 tours, UISC Pow Wow/Social, and Grade 8 Shadow Day

Initiatives/events at **Hagersville Secondary School/NewStart Program:** Grade 8 day and transitions meetings, field trip to 13 Moons, Boys' and Girls' field lacrosse season, attendance at the Heritage Conference in Ottawa (Library Archives of Canada).

Initiatives/events at **McKinnon Park Secondary School:** Boys' Lacrosse OFSSA championship, Grade 7 tours, Social singing, Homework support (support from Cultural Mentor), Grade 8 shadow day, SEEDS program - land based learning, and working towards graduation list (meeting with students re: learning alternatives)

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

D - 1 **Approval of Minutes**

(a) **Approval of Minutes – April 18, 2024**

Trustee Thomas moved THAT the minutes of the Six Nations Advisory Committee held on April 18, 2024 be approved, as revised.

Carried

Chair VanEvery-Albert requested a revision under E-1-a: Indigenous Awards regarding an award being established in honour of Phil VanEvery-Albert. The following was removed as details are still being finalized: *"The award will be supported by the Six Nations Community and the Indigenous Education team"*.

E - 1 **New Business**

(a) **Indigenous Awards**

See above.

F - 1 **Information Items**

(a) **Grand Erie Math Achievement Action Plan (GEMAAP)**

The GEMAAP presentation included a mid-year update of the plan. A summary of key points included: Three Key Priorities, Professional Learning Summary, Coach Support, Impact of the Plan, Report Card Data (Elementary and Secondary), Resources and Supports engaged by Grand Erie, Student Confidence Survey, Attendance Rates, and Student Achievement Plan.

(b) **ALOP Mid-Term Presentation**

The ALOP Mid-Year Presentation included the videos that captured some of the successes in the board.

(c) **Education Services Agreement (ESA) Update**



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The current agreement has one more year, continued conversations will occur in the fall with updates provided at the SNAC meetings. Feedback may be provided to Superintendent Graham.

(d) **Meeting Dates**

Meeting dates scheduled for 2024-25:

- September 26, 2024
- December 12, 2024
- February 27, 2025
- April 17, 2025
- May 15, 2025 (Annual General Meeting)
- June 12, 2025

The Annual General Meeting has been booked on May 15, 2025 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

G - 1 **Next Meeting:**

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H - 1 **Closing Address & Adjournment**

Chair VanEvery-Albert closed the meeting by sharing the video: "The Words Before All Else"
Chair VanEvery-Albert adjourned the meeting at p.m. at 3:00 p.m.



Six Nations Advisory Committee Terms of Reference 2024-25

1.0 **Statement of Purpose and Responsibility**

The purpose of the Six Nations Advisory Committee is to ensure the educational services purchased through the Education Services Agreement are maintained at a high-quality level, and to represent the interests of the students from Six Nations of the Grand River Territory enrolled in Grand Erie schools by providing the board appropriate and accurate advice on matters related to their education.

2.0 **Committee of the Composition**

- a. Six Nations Trustee
- b. One Trustee of the Board
- c. Six Nations community representative appointed by the Committee
- d. Six Nations Elected Council Education portfolio holder
- e. Haudenosaunee Confederacy Council representative (appointed by HCC)
- f. Education Services Agreement Native Advisor-Teacher Consultant
- g. Education Services Agreement Native Education Counsellors (3)
- h. Education Services Agreement Community Liaison Worker
- i. Grand Erie DSB Principal Leader of Indigenous Education
- j. Grand Erie DSB Director of Education and/or Superintendent responsible for Indigenous Education
- k. Indigenous Services Canada Director of Education responsible for Six Nations Federal Schools and/or designated representative
- l. Grand Erie DSB Indigenous Student Trustee
- m. Kawennio Immersion School representative
- n. Everlasting Tree School representative

Others may be invited to participate as resource members as required by the agenda.

3.0 **Committee Operating Procedures and Scope:**

The Six Nations Advisory Committee shall:

- 1) Be chaired by the Six Nations Trustee.
- 2) Hold a minimum of four regular committee meetings during the school year. Dates, times and format (in-person or virtual) to be determined each year by the Committee members. Additional meetings may be called by the Chair on the advice of the Committee.
- 3) In addition to the four regular committee meetings, hold an Annual General Meeting in the Six Nations community, that is open to parents/caregivers, and where information for them is shared and input gathered on programs and services for their children attending Grand Erie schools.
- 4) Maintain standing items on each regular meeting agenda and follow an annual agenda cycle
- 5) Advise the Six Nations Trustee and the Six Nations Elected Council Education portfolio holder on matters for negotiation on the Education Services Agreement with Indigenous Services Canada, and make recommendations to the GRAND ERIE DSB Director of Education regarding revisions to the Education Services Agreement via the Six Nations Trustee.
- 6) Ensure that the Six Nations Trustee and the Six Nations Elected Council Education Portfolio Holder are participating members of the negotiation team when the Education Services Agreement is renegotiated or revised.
- 7) Recommend and facilitate formal meetings between Six Nations of the Grand River Territory and the Board as may be necessary.



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- 8) Provide direction on the preparation of the Education Services Agreement Annual Report.
- 9) Present the Education Services Agreement Annual Report to the board via the Six Nations Trustee and Native Advisor-Teacher Consultant.
- 10) Present the Education Services Agreement Annual Report to Six Nations Elected Council via the Six Nations Trustee and Native Advisor-Teacher Consultant.
- 11) Make recommendations for presentation to the Director and the Board, as appropriate for the matter, on matters regarding the development and/or implementation of programs and services, facilities, Board policies and special services with respect to students from Six Nations of the Grand River territory enrolled on Grand Erie DSB schools.
- 12) Respond to the board on requests for advice and recommendation on any matters which the board may present to the Committee.
- 13) After the normal process for communicating concerns has been exhausted, act as a body for the hearing of concerns from parents/caregivers of students from Six Nations of the Grand River Territory in respect to services provided by the Board covered by the Education Services Agreement and shall advise/make recommendations to the Board or the GRAND ERIE DSB Director, as is appropriate for the matter, regarding resolution to concerns.
- 14) The Committee shall make decisions by consensus, but may consider other methods of decision-making as may be required from time to time
- 15) Solely hold the right to revisions to these Terms of Reference as required and by formal motion of the Six Nations Advisory Committee, as outlined in the GRAND ERIE DSB Governance Policy.

4.0 **Role of the Board:**

The Board/board shall:

- 1) Receive and support recommendations from the Six Nations Advisory Committee respecting the Education Services Agreement via the GRAND ERIE DSB Director and Six Nations Trustee.
- 2) Seek the advice and recommendations of the Six Nations Advisory Committee when developing new policies or when amending existing policies of the Board which may affect students from Six Nations of the Grand River Territory that are enrolled in GRAND ERIE DSB schools.
- 3) Provide resource support for the presentation of the Education Services Agreement Annual Report to Six Nations Elected Council