



Six Nations Advisory Committee

Thursday October 16, 2025

1:00 p.m.

Brantford Collegiate Institute and Vocational School/
MS Teams Virtual Meeting

AGENDA

- A - 1 **Opening**
- (a) Ohen: ton Karihwatehkwen C. VanEvery-Albert
 - (b) Land Acknowledgement Statement J. White
 - (c) Introductions and Roll Call C. VanEvery-Albert
- B - 1 **Business Arising from the Minutes and or Previous Minutes**
- (a) SNAC Terms of Reference C. VanEvery-Albert
- C - 1 **Consent Agenda**
- Recommended Motion:**
- "THAT Six Nations Advisory Committee accept the October 16, 2025 Consent Agenda and the recommendations contained herein"*
- (a) Approve the minutes of:
 - * (i) Six Nations Advisory Committee minutes dated June 19, 2025 C. VanEvery-Albert
- D - 1 **ESA Staff Updates**
- (a) Updates from each school ESA Staff
 - Carey Vyse (Counsellor)
 - Carly Vyse (Counsellor)
 - Delby Powless (Counsellor)
 - Ashlee Williams (Community Liaison)
 - (b) Transitions Update
 - Tanya Thomas - Gibson (Six Nations Advisor)
- E - 1 **Student Showcase**
- (a) BCI S. Hill
 - (b) Indigenous Student Trustee Update
- F - 1 **Information Items**
- (a) System Updates J. White
 - (b) SNAC Meeting Dates 2025-26 C. VanEvery-Albert
 - October 16, 2025
 - November 27, 2025 – Annual Meeting
 - February 26, 2026
 - April 16, 2026
 - June 11, 2026
- G - 1 **Community Updates**
- (a) NIL C. VanEvery-Albert
- H - 1 **Future Agenda Items**
- (a) Committee Input C. VanEvery-Albert

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| I - 1 | Next Meeting
February 26, 2025 – McKinnon Park Secondary School | C. VanEvery-Albert |
| J - 1 | Closing Address & Adjournment | C. VanEvery-Albert |



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Chair:

**Community
Representative(s):**

Trustee:

Grand Erie Staff:

C. VanEvery-Albert, Trustee

A. Powless-Bomberry, Six Nations Elected Council Representative

S. Graham, Six Nations Federal Schools Representative

K. Jamieson, Six Nations Education Advisor

S. Hill, Six Nations Advisor

L. Munro, Superintendent of Curriculum & Student Achievement

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

Nil.

**Grand Erie
Staff/Resources
Regrets:**

K. Graham, Superintendent of Education

A. Hill Indigenous Student Trustee

D. Montour, System Principal Leader of Indigenous Education
(Acting)

E. Thomas, Trustee

Absent

C. VanEvery-Albert, Everlasting Tree School

T. Anderson, Indigenous Services Canada Director of Education
responsible for Six Nations Federal Schools

A. General, Kawenní:io/Gawení:yo Private School

Nil

Guest

Recording Secretary:

D. Fletcher, Executive Assistant

A - 1 **Opening**

(a) **Ohen: ton Karihwatehkwen**

S. Hill provided opening greetings.

(b) **Land Acknowledgment Statement**

Superintendent Munro read the Land Acknowledgment statement.

(c) **Introduction & Roll Call**

Introductions and Roll Call were completed.

K. Jamieson serves as the Six Nations Education Advisor and oversees the bilateral TPA between the council and ministry. The role involves connecting with stakeholders and parents, attending, and participating in the Chiefs of Ontario First Nation Lifelong Learning Table meetings representing Six Nations, and identifying trends and gaps regarding Six Nations students to provide recommendations regarding areas identified as priorities.

(d) **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved by consensus.

(e) **Student Showcase**



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S. Hill, Six Nations Advisor, invited Delby Powless to share feedback from the students.

The feedback included a desire for air conditioning, better water fountain availability, bathrooms and noted the impacts on increased class population the school. and increased access to parking. Students identified challenges with timetable changes and attendance in classes and provided some recommendations, to participate in sports.

Highlights from the students included the Lacrosse Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) and lunchtime gym access for students to participate in physical fitness.

In response to the information shared by students, Superintendent Munro reported that attendance in the district has increased as reported through the Attendance Strategy. In relation to course offerings and programs, Grand Erie is currently reviewing secondary programming.

B - 1 **Consent Agenda**

Moved by: Carly Vyse

Seconded by: S. Hill

THAT Six Nations Advisory Committee accept the June 19, 2025 Consent Agenda and the recommendations contained herein

Approve the minutes of:

(i) Six Nations Advisory Committee minutes dated April 17, 2025

Carried

C - 1 **ESA Staff Roundtable**

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

Common learning initiatives and events across the district included: UISC Year End Event, Picture Yourself at Mohawk College, and attendance at the Six Nations Advisory Committee Annual General Meeting.

Pauline Johnson Collegiate & Vocational School (PJCVS): Six Nations Chief attended the school to speak about Truth & Reconciliation, Moccasin Making Workshop, Niwasa visit, the Thunderbird Festival and partnership with PJCVS Eco-club to do a tree appreciation ceremony with the school and sharing the Kanikonriio teaching.

Brantford Collegiate Institute and Vocational School: Egodinigohahniyoh Workshop, Peer support and study group, Youth Outreach worker luncheon, MÉTIS workshop, Girls & Boys Field Lacrosse, Multicultural event, BCI Mustang Day and Graduation luncheon.

Hagersville Secondary School/NewStart Program: Nations/New Start Intakes, Collaborating with (Ganokwashra, Child & Youth Mental Health, MCFN Educational Supports, Six Nations Health Services, Six Nations Social Services, GREAT, SN Polytechnic, Mohawk College), Harmony Movement Words Matter Campaign, Six Nations Polytech met with students to share program information, Pathfinder



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Program @ Mohawk college – 2 week residential summer program, Girls/Boys Lacrosse Teams, Credit Recovery/ PLAR Test completion, and HAWI Workshop.

McKinnon Park Secondary School: Extra support for students, Grade 8 Day/Transition Meetings, Resume support for students, and Boys Lacrosse Team won the OFSAA Championship.

Community Liaison Worker: Initiatives include working with Grade 9 students (Registration), Meetings with other Attendance Counsellors, and Joined the Six Nations High Risk Committee.

S. Hill: UISC United Indigenous Student Council, Transition Planning, and Six Nations Advisory Committee Annual General Meeting – Report & Event Highlights.

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

E - 1 **New Business**

(a) **ESA Update**
Nil.

(b) **Partnership Across the District**
Deferred.

F - 1 **Information Items**

(a) **System Updates**
Deferred.

(b) **Meeting Dates**
September 2025(Tentative). 2025-2026 dates will be sent out.

G - 1 **Next Meeting:**
To be confirmed.

H - 1 **Closing Address & Adjournment**
S. Hill gave the closing address.
Chair VanEvery-Albert adjourned the meeting at 3:05 p.m.



Six Nations Advisory Committee Terms of Reference 2025-26

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