



Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee Minutes

January 13, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.

COMMITTEE (QUORUM) MEMBERS PRESENT

Howard Archibald	First Nations Trustee, District School Board Ontario North East (Chair)
Audrey Lariviere	Student Liaison Officer, Timiskaming First Nation
Dennis Draves	Trustee, District School Board Ontario North East
Neil Iserhoff	Education Director, Taykwa Tagamou Nation
Brianna Moore	Education Portfolio Counsellor, Beaverhouse First Nation
Velma Stanger	Education Director, Matachewan First Nation
Larry Wiwchar	Trustee, District School Board Ontario North East

COMMITTEE (QUORUM) MEMBERS ABSENT

Margaret Edwards	Director of Education, Apitipi Anicinapek Nation
Dereck McKay	Education Director, Mattagami First Nation
Lynn Mongrain	Representative, Temagami First Nation

RESOURCE PERSONS & GUESTS PRESENT

Chris Acton	Métis Nation of Ontario Temiskaming Council
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ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Lesleigh Dye	Director of Education, District School Board Ontario North East
Chad Mowbray	Superintendent of Education, District School Board Ontario North East
Jill Plaunt	Indigenous Lead, District School Board Ontario North East

RECORDING SECRETARY

Melanie Demers	Executive Assistant to Director Dye
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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:07 a.m. by Howard Archibald, Chair of the Committee.

The meeting opened by respectfully acknowledging being situated on the Traditional Territory of the Cree, Ojibway and Oji-Cree people of the Mattagami First Nation, located in Treaty 9 Territory, and the Métis who have chosen to settle in this area.

Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Lariviere Seconded by Iserhoff **THAT** the Agenda for the meeting held January 18, 2025, be approved

CARRIED

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Moore Seconded by Stanger **THAT** the Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee approve the minutes of the meeting held November 18, 2024.

CARRIED

Business arising from the Minutes

NIL

Chair Updates (Howard Archibald)

NIL

Community Partner Updates

Beaverhouse First Nation

- Focus on individual family needs and meeting them where they're at
- Building relationships with families with very young students
- Some high school students are struggling to achieve credits, and reviewing options including co-op.

Matachewan First Nation

- Held a visit to high school prior to the holiday and provided with a fridge for water and drinks for students.
- Reviewed student absenteeism with Lead Plaunt
- February 7, 2025, will host DSB1 Strategic Planning meeting in the community.

Taykwa Tagamou Nation

- Neil, Chair Archibald, Chief Archibald, and Director Dye met prior to the holidays to review the portfolio and
- Lead Plaunt continues with monthly check-in communication with the Nation.
- 3rd Annual Pow Wow is planned for the spring, with Claudette Paul co-organizing.
- Opening a healing and treatment center on a small area of land for all communities to access

Timiskaming First Nation

- Working toward signing Reciprocal Education agreement with meeting tomorrow to discuss and review
- Received information that students are struggling with heavy drug use and looking to solutions to help



- Exploring land-based connections

Métis Community Council

- Celebrated the holidays with families
- November 21-23, participate in village Noel in Timiskaming Shores, an opportunity to highlight ways of life through kiosk and trappers' tent, with demonstrations on beading, story telling,
- December 21 held an annual Christmas feast for families and friends
- Region 3 continues to approve bursaries for children requesting funding for school and extracurricular activities

MOVED by Moore Seconded by Stanger **THAT** the Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee receive the Community Partner Updates.

CARRIED

Indigenous Lead Update

Jill Plaunt, Indigenous Leads, provided a [presentation](#) surrounding the successes and direction of the Indigenous Portfolio.

MOVED by Draves Seconded by Iserhoff **THAT** the Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee receive the Indigenous Lead Updates.

CARRIED

Director of Education / Superintendent of Education Update

Superintendent Mowbray provided an update surrounding the Strategic Plan Vignettes.

Lead Plaunt addressed Trustee Wiwchar's inquiry from the previous IPAC meeting regarding culinary education and professional development opportunities and workshops regarding sustainable food practices, gardening and foraging. Thankful to community partners for their collaboration with elders, knowledge keepers, farmers,

Recognize the importance of accessing and sharing resources related to land-based food harvesting

MOVED by Wiwchar Seconded by Draves **THAT** the Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee receive the Director of Education Updates.

CARRIED

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Meetings are from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm and at least 4 meetings a year are encouraged.

Monday, March 24, 2025 – Virtual
June 2, 2025
September 22, 2025
November 3, 2025



Other Business

TTN and Community Partners held a New Years Eve Pow Wow in Cochrane.

January 4, 2025, held National Ribbon Skirt Day

Adjournment

MOVED by Iserhoff

The meeting adjourned at 12:11 p.m.