



**SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

**Our Mission:**

*"In SGDSB we are learners. Everything we do is designed to help all students succeed and make a difference. We build positive places for learning and working... together"*

**Our Vision:**

*"Inspiring our students to succeed and make a difference"*

**Our Motto:**

*"Small schools make a difference"*

**Our Values:**

*"Character, Citizenship, Collaboration, Communication, Creativity and Critical Thinking"*

**Indigenous Education Advisory Committee**

Tuesday, September 10, 2019 - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
Superior-Greenstone District School Board Learning Centre, Red Rock, Ontario

Teleconference Dial-In Information: 1 – 8 0 7 – 7 0 1 – 5 9 8 0;  
Access Code/Conference ID #: 8 9 6 3 5 7 9 0

**Videoconference Site Locations**

Superior-Greenstone District School Board(SGDSB) .....12 Hemlo Drive, Marathon, ON  
Superior-Greenstone DSB Learning Centre (SGDSBLC) .....46 Salls Street, Red Rock, ON  
Geraldton Composite High School .....(GCHS) .....500 Second Street West, Geraldton, ON

**MINUTES**

**1.0 Roll Call**

Attendance: On-site (OS); Teleconference (TC); Videoconference (VC); Absent (A); Regrets (R)											
<b>First Nation Tuition Agreements</b>	OS	TC	VC	A	R	<b>Representatives</b>	OS	TC	VC	A	R
(Aroland) Margaret Matasawagon	x					Tamara Vernier					x
(Biigtigong Nishnabeg) Lisa Michano		x				Shy-Anne Bartlett					x
(Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinabek (Rocky Bay) Yvonne Kowtish	x					Lauren Coaster, Student Representative					x
(Ginoogaming #77) Victor Chapais					x	Bernadine O'Brien		x			
(Marten Falls FN) Sandy Moonias	x					Cindy Fisher, Regional Education Council Coordinator					x
(Pays Plat) Valerie Auger					x	Kelly Crawford					
(Pic Mobert) Nicole Simpson					x	<b>Trustees</b>					
(Pic Mobert) Stan Sabourin					x	Vacant (IEAC Chair)					
(Red Rock) Judy Wawia	x					Mark Mannisto	x				
(Red Rock) Marilyn Netemegestic	x					Margaret McIntyre			x		
<b>First Nation (Other)</b>						Pinky McRae (Ex-officio)		x			
Animgiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinabek Denise Bottle					x						
(Longlac 58 First Nation) Veronica Waboose (Chief)					x	<b>Board Administration</b>					
(Flying Post First Nation) Randi Ray, Wabun Education Partnership Program		x				Nicole Morden Cormier, Director of Education	x				
(White Sands) Allen Gustafson (Chief)					x	Nancy O'Donnell, Indigenous Education Lead	x				
Skylene Metatawabin (Education Partnership Program)					x	Charlie Bishop, Superintendent of Education	x				
						Will Goodman, Superintendent of Education	x				



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### **2.0 Welcome and Introductions**

The meeting was opened with a song and prayer. Introductions were provided for the new committee members.

### **3.0 Approval of the Minutes**

*Moved by: J. Wawia*

*Second: S. Moonias*

*That, the minutes for the Superior-Greenstone DSB Indigenous Education Advisory Committee meeting, February 5, 2019 be accepted and approved.*

Carried

### **4.0 Smudging Pamphlet Revisions – Follow up**

Indigenous Education Lead Nancy O'Donnell provided an update regarding the Smudging Pamphlet. She advised that with the feedback received from the committee, the pamphlet has been revised to reflect the suggested changes. She provided a review of the process that has begun to implement and communicate the smudging guidelines as outlined in the pamphlet to staff, Students and Parents.

### **5.0 Indigenous Trustee Update**

Director of Education Nicole Morden Cormier provided an update regarding the status of the vacant roll of Indigenous Trustee. She advised that Paul Cormier has been nominated for the role. At this time, the Board is awaiting responses from the First Nations communities with whom they hold Education Service Agreements, to collect their vote for the nomination. If Paul is the selected candidate, he will be officially appointed as Trustee at the September or October Board meeting and will also assume the role of Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Chair.

### **6.0 Celebrating Success in the District**

Ms. O'Donnell provided a detailed review of the successful initiatives and the achievements Students have had across the Superior-Greenstone District School Board. She noted the following highlights:

- An Ojibway Language Teacher has been appointed for our schools in both Geraldton and Longlac.
- In the Spring, students requested drums and hand drums so that they could begin drumming in class weekly. A ceremony was held to feast the drums and students from the High School drum group have visited the public school class to assist them in learning how to drum. The class is currently looking for male and female singers to join them in song.
- The student drum group from Longlac have named their group the "Water Warriors" and the Geraldton group has yet to name their drum.
- The George O'Neill Public School have been learning about their language through teachings about traditional medicines. Students harvested bark for the activity completed by the class.
- In partnership with the Red Rock Indian Band, Teacher Shy-Anne Bartlett extended the medicine teachings in to the classroom beginning this fall.
- Currently the Board is monitoring the effectiveness of the Indigenous Grad Coach position for student success. To date, success has been seen as an overall increase in credit accumulation, increased engagement with classroom teachers, increased communication with home and community.
- Working with the Indigenous Graduation Coaches, the Board would like to establish an Indigenous Youth Council.



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### **7.0 Board Action Plan – Seeking Input for 2019/2020**

Ms. O'Donnell provided a PowerPoint presentation to assist in her review of the Board Action Plan. She reviewed the draft document in detail and invited Committee feedback. The committee members provided in depth input and recommendations such as the increase in transition activities, initiatives to increase parent engagement, facilitate/provide professional development opportunities for teaching staff to assist them in incorporating culturally appropriate pedagogy into practice, student well-being surveys and an increase in Grad Coach positions across the district. Ms. O'Donnell will provide the Committee with the plan once finalized.

### **8.0 Additional Items**

Ms. O'Donnell requested Committee members to share the names of children's books from Indigenous Authors and recommended resources for teaching students about Treaties, as well as Orange Shirt Day.

### **9.0 Schedule of Meeting Dates:**

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 28, 2020. The SGDSB Trustees will be reviewing/approving the 2020 meetings schedule at their December 2<sup>nd</sup> organizational meeting and therefore the tentative date may change. The 2020 meeting dates will be sent out after the December Board meeting.

### **10.0 Adjournment:**

*Moved by: M. Netemegetic      Second: M. Metasawagon  
That, the IEAC Meeting on September 10, 2019 adjourn at 11:38 a.m.*

*Carried*