



# Indigenous Education Advisory Committee

Thursday, February 19, 2026

3:30 p.m.

MS Teams Virtual Meeting

## AGENDA

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| A - 1 | <p><b>Opening</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Opening Address</li> <li>(b) Land Acknowledgement Statement</li> <li>(c) Introduction &amp; Roll Call</li> <li>(d) Selection of Chair</li> <li>(e) Student Trustee Update</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <p>S. Hill<br/>J. White<br/>J. White<br/>J. White<br/>R. Staats</p>                                                                |
| B - 1 | <p><b>Business Arising from the Minutes and or Previous Minutes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Board Action Plan (BAP) update</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <p>J. White</p>                                                                                                                    |
| C - 1 | <p><b>Consent Agenda</b><br/><b>Recommended Motion:</b><br/><i>"THAT Indigenous Education Advisory Committee accept the February 19, 2026 Consent Agenda and the recommendations contained herein"</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Approve the minutes of:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Indigenous Education Advisory Committee minutes dated May 29, 2025</li> <li>(ii) Indigenous Education Advisory Committee minutes dated October 23, 2025</li> </ul> </li> </ul>                                                                                                      | <p>Chair</p>                                                                                                                       |
| D-1   | <p><b>New Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Updates- Community</li> <li>(b) EQAO Results</li> <li>(c) Innovation Hub/Tech Hub</li> <li>(d) Grand Erie's Multi-Year Strategic Plan</li> <li>(e) IEAC Membership</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <p>Committee<br/>J. White<br/>D. Atanas<br/>J. White<br/>Chair</p>                                                                 |
| E-1   | <p><b>Information Items</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Indigenous Education Update</li> <li>(b) <a href="#">Indigenous Education Publication</a></li> <li>(c) System Updates             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) <a href="#">ALOP Close 2025</a></li> <li>(ii) <a href="#">ALOP Open 2025-26</a></li> <li>(iii) <a href="#">ALOP 4 Year</a></li> <li>(iv) Attendance Strategy</li> <li>(v) Wellness Kits</li> <li>(vi) Flex Days</li> <li>(vii) School Year Calendar</li> </ul> </li> <li>(d) <a href="#">January Highlights</a></li> <li>(e) Policies Out for Comment</li> </ul> | <p>S. Hill<br/><br/>S. Hill<br/>J. White/D. Atanas<br/><br/><br/><br/><br/><br/><br/>J. White/D. Atanas<br/>J. White/D. Atanas</p> |



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- (i) [Acceptable Use of Information Technology \(IT-01\)](#)
- (ii) [Copyright – Fair Dealing Guidelines \(SO-24\)](#)
- (iii) [Exclusion of Students \(SO-32\)](#)
- (iv) [Hiring of Employees \(HR-03\)](#)
- (v) [Privacy and Records Information Management \(IT-02\)](#)
- (vi) [Reporting of Wrongdoing \(HR-23\)](#)
- (vii) [School Food and Beverage \(SO-21\)](#)
- (viii) [Voluntary Indigenous Self-Identification \(SO-16\)](#)

F-1	<b>Next Meeting</b> April 16, 2026	Chair
G-1	<b>Adjournment</b>	Chair
H-1	<b>Closing Address</b>	Chair

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# Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, May 29, 2025

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## MINUTES

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

- A - 1 **Opening**
- (a) Chair Gauthier shared the video "Words Before All Else" for 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 Showcase**



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Indigenous Student Trustee A. Hill shared his thoughts on the following questions below:

How can Indigenous students contribute to their own conscientization in Grand Erie?

- Student diverse voice

How can Indigenous parents and community members become more involved in shaping Indigenous Education in Grand Erie?

- Connecting with parents and caregivers to advocate for their children is important and will contribute to forming a strong community voice
- Offering different subjects as they develop will play a significant role

How can Grand Erie better support local Indigenous communities and their education systems?

- Indigenous education should be distinguished from general education. Educating others about Indigenous culture is complex and best done by traditional teachers. It is challenging for non-Indigenous educators to teach true Indigenous education
- Creating grants for community educators
- Encouraging Indigenous leaders to confidently voice their perspectives
- Increasing community involvement and continuing Indigenous education courses
- Teaching values should be based on respect and philosophical principles when addressing Indigenous teachings

Clarification on support to Indigenous Education across the district was provided based on specific needs within schools.

Indigenous Student Trustee Hill would like to continue to foster dialogue between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people and educate students about leadership through nature alongside with values, principles, morals, ethics, honesty, and respect.

### B - 1 **Consent Agenda**

Moved by: R. Collver

Seconded by: T. Sault

THAT Indigenous Education Advisory Committee accept the May 29, 2025 Consent Agenda and the recommendations contained herein

Approve the minutes of:

- (i) Indigenous Education Advisory Committee minutes dated March 27, 2025

**Carried**

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

#### (a) **Indigenous Education Advisory Committee – Collaborative Brainstorm (From March 27, 2025)**

Committee members were invited to express their preferences regarding further opportunities they wish to see within the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee.

- Reviewing budgets and the Board Action Plan beforehand allows for input



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- Consider connecting Six Nations and MCFN, and hosting meetings there could be beneficial. Integrate experiences from other sites into IEAC for better approaches.
- Host more IEAC-sponsored events to encourage relaxed community engagement, making members comfortable in sharing.
- Clarify the reasons for requesting participation - whether to support students or parents/guardians.
- Visit MCFN locations to familiarize individuals; attend school and community center, explore integration of MCFN and SN for unified learner support.
- Educate non-Indigenous committee members on effective student education support
- Engage with Brantford's urban community and nearby towns; connect with UISC and student councils to support Indigenous student representation

The feedback and conversation were very productive. The next steps will involve exploring opportunities for engagement and advocacy in the coming year and understanding how this will evolve.

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

- (a) **Updates – Community**  
Nil.

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

- (a) **Indigenous Education Update**

The Indigenous Education team has incorporated Indigenous Knowledge into the classrooms through a variety of initiatives: Indigenous Knowledge Specialist High Skills Major Pilot Program (Lacrosse), Mohawk College's Picture Yourself at College event (offering tours and workshops in healthcare and automotive fields), Grade 7 transition events for on-reserve elementary students, workshops (beading and moccasin making), guest speakers (including Phil Davis, Tanya Jacobs, Melanie Bomberry), field trips (Woodland Cultural Centre, Kayanase, Chiefswood, Camp Kandalore), and the third phase of the Indigenous community garden at CSS.

The elementary team has provided support to 58 elementary schools and managed the Auntie program. They have also offered guidance for all secondary initiatives and overseen student engagement through various programs, including environmental education and the year-end event.

Graduate coaches and counselors support students at Tollgate, BCI, MPSS, PJ, and HSS through academic guidance, homework assistance, post-secondary planning, nutrition advice, event organization, field trips, and monitoring student progress.

Representatives from the Indigenous Student Associations and United Indigenous Student Council (UISC) attended the 4th annual T-Bird Festival at Pauline Johnson CVS in May. The event featured activities such as Bread and Cheese, beading, Kiwanis Field activities, lacrosse workshops, Indigenous trivia, Bone and Toggle, and a mini-Pow Wow with various singers. Trustee A. Hill ceremonially passed the Indigenous Student Trustee medallion to R. Staats.



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(b) **System Update**

System Updates included: Videos that highlighted: Math Learning 2025, Innovation Hub, Hub Program, and Dual Credit. Additional Updates include Ontario Skills Competition, Coding en Francais, Dunnville Secondary School Art Project, Paris District High School Badminton Champ, Muslim Association of Brantford, Iftar Celebration at Walter Gretzky, and Autism Awareness Month.

F - 1 **Next Meeting**

The dates will be sent out to the committee members once the calendar dates are confirmed

G - 1 **Adjournment**

Chair Gauthier adjourned the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

H - 1 **Closing Address**

Chair Gauthier shared the video "Words Before All Else" for the closing address.

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# Indigenous Education Advisory Committee (IEAC)

Thursday, October 23, 2025

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Education Centre and MS Teams Virtual Meeting

## MINUTES

### Chair Trustee

S. Hill, Indigenous System Leader  
R. Collver, Trustee  
T. Waldschmidt, Trustee  
R. Staats, Student Trustee

### Grand Erie Staff

J. Roberto, Director of Education  
J. White, Superintendent  
D. Atanas, Superintendent  
M. Turner, Indigenous Secondary Teacher Consultant

### Organizations/ Agencies Parent/Family Designates Regrets

A. Sault, Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation  
NIL  
K. Sandy, Six Nations Language Commission  
P. Barber, Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation  
J. Shawana, NPAAM

### Guest Recording Secretary

C. A. Sloat  
Stacie Fehrman

A - 1

#### Opening

(a)

#### Ohen: ton Karihwatehkwen

S. Hill provided opening greetings.

(b)

#### Land Acknowledgment Statement

Superintendent White 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

B - 1

#### Business Arising from the Minutes and or Previous Minutes

(a)

#### IEAC Terms of Reference

Chair S. Hill reviewed the updated Terms of Reference for the 2025-26 school year

C - 1

#### Consent Agenda

(a)

Approve the minutes of:

- (i) Indigenous Education Advisory Committee minutes dated May 29, 2025

Deferred due to lack of quorum

D - 1

#### New Business

(a)

#### Consultation/Board Action Plan (BAP)

Superintendent White shared the BAP plan consultation.

(b)

#### Updates - Community

NIL



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- E-1  
(a) **Information Items**  
**System Updates**  
(i) Superintendent White shared system updates that included the Director's monthly report, the Grand River Public school opening, Special Olympics Ontario, the language courses being offered at schools, an overview of the Professional Development Guide that has been shared with Six Nations and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation staff members, information on a speaker event, a book launch event, and the Nations New Start open house.
- (ii) Additional Updates Included:**
- Every Child Matters Football Game
  - Curriculum Writing
  - Grand Pathways Guide
- (b) **Indigenous Education Update**  
M. Turner, Indigenous Secondary Teacher Consultant was welcomed and she shared information about her role in Grand Erie.
- (c) **Indigenous Student Trustee Update**  
R. Staats shared her experience being part of the United Indigenous Student Council event.
- F-1 **Next Meeting**  
**February 26, 2026**
- G-1 **Closing Address & Adjournment**  
S. Hill gave the closing address  
The meeting was adjourned at 4:36 p.m.