



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