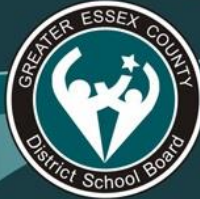


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Indigenous Education Advisory Council (IEAC)

Goal and Purpose of the IEAC

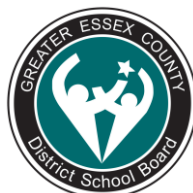
- The mandate of the Indigenous Education Advisory Council (IEAC) is to advise the Board on matters relating to the education of First Nations, Metis and Inuit students.
 - This mandate also includes:
 - Advising and assisting with the implementation of the GECD SB Indigenous Education Protocol
 - Advising and assisting with the implementation of GECD SB Action Plan on Indigenous Education
 - Identifying community issues that impact education.
 - Responding to other initiatives as they arise.

Meetings

- The Council will meet 5 times per year (sub-committees may be formed and meet outside these dates)
- Meetings dates will be shared with GECD SB First Nations, Metis and Inuit parents with an open invitation to attend

Terms of Reference

- Membership
 - First Nations, Métis and Inuit parents/guardians from the Greater Essex County District School Board are welcome to join or attend the Council meetings at any time
 - First Nations, Metis and Inuit community representatives from their respective territories
 - Board staff aligned to Indigenous Education
 - Trustee representative
- Meeting Agendas
 - Agenda items will be brought forward to all members of the Council to the Board staff to print
 - Administrative support will be provided at each meeting and meeting notes shared with the Council



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- Decision making by consensus
 - When making decisions, the Council will attempt to come to a consensus twice
 - If consensus cannot be reached, the decision will be set aside and a meeting for a vote to occur will be scheduled. A majority vote will determine the decision by those in attendance at the meeting set aside for the vote
 - Once a decision is made all members commit to respecting the decision and moving forward in a positive way
 - Members need to announce a conflict of interest when one arises
 - For Example: When deciding on a partnership with an organization, If a parent is employed by that organization they need to declare a conflict of interest
- Non-agenda items brought forward during meetings will be recorded; next steps regarding that item will be decided upon at the end of the meeting or at the following meeting.
- All meetings will open with Smudge when possible
- Community and Board Updates will be provided
- Meeting notes will be approved through email
 - Members will acknowledge receipt of the meeting minutes
 - Members will bring concerns forward prior to the meeting

Principles for Our Journey Together (Terms of Engagement)

- Commit to sharing our gifts to support the Indigenous Education Advisory Council mandate
- Respond in a timely manner to communication
- Respond to others in a good way
- Address all concerns directly to the Committee in a good way
- Commit to engage on a regular basis
- Conclude all meetings with a final opportunity for all to share

