

POLICY: INDIGENOUS EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (IEAC) # 906

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A: POLICY

1. The Thunder Bay Catholic District Schools Board recognizes the distinct needs of all students and is committed to provide programs and services to meet their needs. The TBCDSB has formed an Indigenous Education Advisory Committee to provide guidance and an Indigenous community perspective to our Indigenous education initiatives. The members will include Indigenous parents, Elders, students and school board staff. The committee will work together to support the Ministry of Education's Ontario First Nations, Metis, Inuit Policy Framework, and to implement the Boards initiatives in Indigenous education.

B: GUIDELINES

2. Purpose

The Indigenous Advisory Committee shall advise and make recommendations to the Board of Trustees in respect to any matter affecting the establishment, development, and ongoing review of Indigenous Education programs and services offered by the Board. The purpose includes but is not limited to:

- 2.1 Expanding awareness of effective programs for the educational needs of Indigenous students
- 2.2 Identifying community issues that impact Indigenous students
- 2.3 Providing advice on initiatives which might include student programs, professional development opportunities, Indigenous studies, etc.
- 2.4 Respond to other requests as they arise.

3. Terms of Reference

- 3.1 The Indigenous Education Advisory Committee is advisory in nature only.
- 3.2 The Committee shall report to the Board in writing at least once each calendar year, and more frequently if desired and/or at the request of the Board.
- 3.3 The effectiveness or performance of employees of the Board shall not be subject to discussion by the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee.

4. Membership

- 4.1 The Committee shall consist of:
 - 4.1.1 Principal Group Representation

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- 4.1.2 Trustee Representation
- 4.1.3 Parent Representation
- 4.1.4 Fort William First Nation Representation
- 4.1.5 FNMI groups or Community Organizations Representation
- 4.1.6 Local Teachers Federation Representation
- 4.1.7 Director of Education or Designate
- 4.1.8 Indigenous Graduation Coach
- 4.1.9 Coordinator of Indigenous Education

5. Term of Office

- 5.1 Members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Board for a one-year term of office with the option for renewing.
- 5.2 A committee member missing two consecutive meetings may be removed from term by the director or designate and a replacement then appointed for the remainder of the term.

6. Committee Meetings

- 6.1 In the inaugural year, the AIEAC will be chaired by the administrator with responsibilities for Aboriginal Education. Thereafter, the chair will be selected by the committee.
- 6.2 The committee will hold a minimum of four meetings in a full school year.
- 6.3 The committee may call additional meetings as required to discuss and or resolve specific issues as they may arise.
- 6.4 Written notice of any change in date is to be sent to each member of the Committee by the Committee secretary at least one week in advance of the meeting.
- 6.5 Meeting dates for the following school year shall be determined by the Committee at the last meeting of each school year.
- 6.6 Meetings are open to the public.
- 6.7 The Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board is a non-amalgamated Board. All Indigenous Education Advisory Committee meetings will be held face to face at the Education Centre of the Board.

7. Voting Privileges

- 7.1 Voting privileges are restricted to:
 - 7.1.1 Members of local associations appointed by the Board;

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- 7.1.2 Trustees appointed by the Board;
- 7.1.3 Parent or Guardian of an Indigenous Student appointed by the Board;
- 7.1.4 Staff Members appointed by the Board;
- 7.1.5 The Chairperson of the Board.

8. Quorum

- 8.1 A majority of the voting membership of the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee shall constitute a quorum.
- 8.2 The Chairperson, and in his/her absence the Vice-Chairperson, or in his/her absence the Superintendent of Student Achievement shall cancel any meeting that lacks a quorum twenty minutes after its scheduled starting time or if a prior poll of members indicates there will not be a quorum.

9. Operating Procedures

- 9.1 The Committee shall function according to the Board's Procedural By-Laws and parliamentary procedure based on Roberts' Rules of Order.

10. Role of the Superintendent of Special Education

- 10.1 The Superintendent of Education shall serve as a permanent advisor to the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee.
- 10.2 The Superintendent of Education shall prepare the annual report to the Board at the direction of the Committee.

11. Clerical Assistance

- 11.1 The Board shall provide clerical assistance to take and reproduce minutes of Committee meetings.
- 11.2 Additional clerical assistance if required must be approved by the Director of Education.

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12. Access to Other Board Resources

12.1 Access to other resources, human and material, by the Committee or members of the Committee, shall be directed through the Superintendent of Education, and shall require that person's consent and approval.

13. Reporting

13.1 All reports to the Board shall be made in writing and shall be submitted through the Director of Education.

13.2 The Board shall formally receive the annual report of the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee at a public meeting within one month of the receipt of the report by the Director of Education.

13.3 In addition to the annual report identified in Section 3.2, the Board may request additional reports.

13.4 The Board may deal with other reports requested by the Board from the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee in the in-camera session, or in public session as determined by the Board Chairperson. Attendance by members of the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee during the in-camera sessions dealing with such reports, shall be at the pleasure of the Board as determined by the Chairperson.

14. Formation of Sub-Committees

14.1 The Indigenous Education Advisory Committee may form sub-committees in accordance with the Board's Procedural By-Laws.

14.2 Where a sub-committee is established, the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee shall specify the terms of reference of that sub-committee.

14.3 A sub-committee member does not have to be a member of the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee.

14.4 An employee of the Board may be a voting member of a sub-committee.

14.5 Sub-committees shall report only to the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee.