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Indigenous Advisory Council

The Board welcomes the support of advisory groups which serve as a forum for involving significant constituencies with a major interest in education and which promote the educational goals of the Board.

The Indigenous Advisory Council (IAC) will provide guidance to the Board as it pertains to Indigenous education, well-being, and achievement, and providing support to Indigenous students, families, and educators.

The IAC shall:

- a. Provide strategic advice on implementing the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action, specifically Calls to Action pertaining to education (62-63);
- b. Assist the Board in its commitment to provide an equitable and inclusive education and work environment for First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students;
- c. Advise the Board on any issue affecting First Nations, Métis and Inuit students' learning and well-being;
- d. Act as a resource to provide authentic and current knowledge of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit perspective to support informed decision making; and
- e. Liaise with community stakeholders as needed by actively engaging parents and community partners.

Membership

The IAC shall be comprised of 3-5 members of the Indigenous community.

When appointing new members to IAC, every effort shall be made to ensure that they are:

- a. parents/guardians of students enrolled in the Division; and/or
- b. representatives of community organizations or agencies.

Members of the IAC shall:

- a. demonstrate a commitment to an equitable and inclusive education and work environment for First Nations, Métis and Inuit students.
- b. act as a liaison between members of the IAC and their respective communities.
- c. attend and productively participate in the IAC meetings; and
- d. review all relevant material prior to meetings.

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Members of the IAC shall have a one-year term with an opportunity to continue in the role for a second year.

A vacancy in the membership of the Council does not prevent the Council from delivering on its mandate.

Meetings

The IAC shall meet with the Board at least twice per school year with opportunity for additional meetings to be called.

When conducting meetings, the IAC shall operate in an open and democratic manner and in accordance with the policies and procedures of the Board.

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