

Agenda Item	Discussion	Follow-Up
Ceremony	It was stated that the opening prayer from October would be acknowledge at our meetings. We will invite an elder to the May meeting.	
Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 6:06 p.m.	
Roll Call	Present: D. Buswa, G. Kleist, K. Cederwall, S. Triskle, Y. Fobister, D. Copenace, E. Skead, C. Hron Regrets: L. Barnes	
Welcome	C.Hron welcomed the committee members.	
Appointment of New Chair	Moved by: Gerald Kleist (To nominate D. Buswa as the chair.) Seconded by: S. Triskle (The nomination was seconded by S. Triskle and the committee approved the appointment of D.Buswa as the Chair of NEAC.) CARRIED	
Approval of Agenda	Moved by: Y. Fobister Seconded by: K. Cederwall CARRIED	
Approval of Minutes October 5, 2016	Moved by: D. Copenace Seconded by K. Cederwall THAT the minutes of October 5, 2016 be approved. CARRIED	
Morning Acknowledgement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee acknowledged the importance of having a morning acknowledgement in all schools recognizing traditional territories of Indigenous People where the schools are located • Stated however that this needs to be done in a respectful way • It was suggested that E. Skead talk to Elders in our communities about the acknowledgement and the best way of doing in our schools and board • The purpose would need to be communicated to Schools through the Director of Education • Recommend that the Director communicate to schools and to the board the purpose and importance of having this acknowledgement • Staff with assistance from our Aboriginal Advisor-E. Skead would then educate the students on purpose of recognizing the traditional territories 	<p><i>Eleanor has background knowledge on recognizing the traditional territories-will check with other elders in our board. Eleanor to do a one page backgrounder to go to the board on February 14th or another board meeting.</i></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would need to recognize the territories of all First Nation, Metis and Inuit peoples in our areas • Recommendation to bring a motion to the next board meeting in February if possible, if not the next board meeting in March. • Not in favour of the term –“Morning Ritual”-may be it is just a morning acknowledgement after O’ Canada in the morning 	<p><i>Would like to have a motion brought to the board to implement morning acknowledgements in KP schools. Would like to have E. Skead come and present the information.</i></p>
Promoting Well-Being in Ontario Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This information was shared with the committee members • The Ministry has acknowledged the importance of Well Being in our schools and has published a ‘Well Being in Our Schools, Strength in Our Society’ engagement paper. 	
FNMI Staff Related Positions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verbal Report was given by C. Hron • Discussed specific Indigenous positions, as well as other positions within the board that provide services for students • It is difficult to track the number of individuals specifically assigned to Indigenous students or programs • Some pilot projects like the Grad Coach and Indigenous Family Case Worker positions are expanding to other schools • Could we track the credits achieved in Native Language and Native Studies classes as a measurement • Referred to the Board Assessment Tool and the five areas that have been identified as priorities by the NEAC committee • C. Hron to keep a running total each year of additional programs or positions added to our board that support Indigenous students 	
FNMI Board Assessment Tool and Board Action Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to focus on maybe 1 or 2 focus areas from the FNMI Assessment Tool/Board Action Plan and the impact on Indigenous Students (Identified the focus areas of 1, 2 and 5 as the committee’s priorities) • If we focus on one or two focus areas it might make it easier to measure impact on our students • We need to capture the growth and changes in each of these focus areas-how can this be captured • C. Hron and E. Skead to invite individuals to come to the next NEAC Meeting on May 3 to discuss the impact of these programs on them • Most areas of focus are in the Early Implementation Assessment tool with one focus falling into the Continuing Implementation area 	<p><i>Have the individuals/students to come and speak at the next meeting to share the impact these programs have had on them-eg. Indigenous Family Case Worker or Grad Coach They could give qualitative and quantitative data.</i></p>
Policy 502 – Name Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D. Buswa asked the committee to consider changing the committee name from NEAC to IEAC. • Discussed the name change to Indigenous Education Advisory Committee • Will bring a recommendation to the board to change NEAC to IEAC 	<p><i>Need to take a motion to the board to change the name of NEAC to IEAC.</i></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was mentioned that some regions have a combined IEAC committee with the coterminous board NEAC committees • Took a vote to change the name from NEAC to IEAC-the committee was in favour of the name change 	
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R. Kakegamic joined the meeting and introduced himself to the group and discussed the schools and areas that he is working in within our region. • He is the KO Student Support Services Lead for KOSSS • Staff from the Metis Community Agencies-Indigenous Family Case Workers could connect with principals to offer their services and partnership capabilities in KP schools • There is a new VP in QE who has reached out to the Native Partners to support students coming into QE 	
Suggested Agenda Items	<p>May 3, 2017</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will have a face to face meeting on May 3rd at 5:30 with a dinner meeting at Lillian Berg School • We will invite individuals to present-Grad Coach Indigenous Family Case Worker and students • Elder R. Kelly will come and give the closing ceremony-E. Skead will ask the elder to come to the meeting 	
Adjournment	<p>Moved by: D. Copenace</p> <p>Seconded by: S. Triskle</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.</p>	