

First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Education Council

Terms of Reference

The First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Education Council (FNMIEC) for the Upper Grand District School Board advises the school board on matters pertaining to Indigenous education and Indigenous students.

1.0 Mandate

To support the education of staff and students on Indigenous Peoples.

2.0 Statement of Purpose and Responsibilities

The First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Education Council will:

- 2.1 advise, consult, and collaborate on how best to support Indigenous students and improve Indigenous student outcomes
- 2.2 provide advice on board priorities and initiatives including, but not limited to, student programs, embedding Indigenous content in curricula, Indigenous Studies, and alternative education programs
- 2.3 advocate provincially and locally for specific needs of Indigenous students
- 2.4 provide input into supports to build capacity of educators in response to the Truth & Reconciliation Calls to Action 62 & 63
- 2.5 support the upholding of Upper Grand District School Board Indigenous Education Policy 519
- 2.6 identify community issues that impact Indigenous education
- 2.7 reflect the opinions and interests of the groups represented by the members of the Council
- 2.8 respond to the Board of Trustees on requests for advice and recommendations on any matters which the Board may present to the Council
- 2.9 report back to the stakeholders they represent

3.0 Council Composition

The First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Education Council shall be comprised of:

- 3.1 Trustees and alternates as appointed by the Board (4-year term)
- 3.2 Superintendent with the First Nation, Métis, Inuit education portfolio
- 3.3 Coordinating Administrator, Indigenous Education
- 3.4 Program Lead, First Nation, Métis, Inuit Education

- 3.5 Human Rights, Equity & Accessibility Commissioner
- 3.6 Treaty partners from Mississaugas of the Credit, Six Nations, and Saugeen Ojibway Nation
- 3.7 Métis representative (citizen of recognized Métis governing body, i.e., Métis Nation of Ontario or Manitoba Métis Federation), appointed by the Council (3-year term, renewable)
- 3.8 Inuit representative (with Inuit community affiliation), appointed by the Council (3-year term, renewable)
- 3.9 University of Guelph, Indigenous representative
- 3.10 Southern Ontario Aboriginal Health Access Centre, representative
- 3.11 Indigenous student representative, one each for Wellington and Dufferin County, appointed by the Council (2-year term)
- 3.12 Indigenous parent representative, minimum of one each for Wellington and Dufferin County, appointed by the Council (2-year term)

4.0 Council Operating Procedures

- 4.1 The Coordinating Administrator, Indigenous Education shall prepare the meeting schedule and agendas
- 4.2 A total of six meetings will take place annually, starting in October, ending in June
- 4.3 Meetings will be online from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- 4.4 The Council will operate using a consensus model
- 4.5 Meeting minutes will be provided to all members and will be updated on the First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Education page on the board website. A meeting summary will be brought to the Board by the trustee in attendance

5.0 Role of Staff

Staff will provide information and support and will facilitate the work of the Council in matters related to the advisory role of the Council

6.0 Role of the Board

- 6.1 Appoint trustee members and alternates to the Council
- 6.2 Ensure that Indigenous student, parent, and community members constitute a majority of the Council
- 6.3 Support the work of the Council
- 6.4 Receive and review the summary statement from the trustee representative on the Council