

FIRST NATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

MANDATE

To review, consider and recommend to the Board, where appropriate, on matters impacting First Nation pupils of the Board covered under this tuition agreement and matters arising out of the Tuition Agreements with the First Nations.

Meeting Type:	Public Board Meeting
Presented for:	Information
Report Author:	
Date and Time of meeting	The committee met on 2025 January 22 from 3:04 p.m. to 4:42 p.m.
Purpose	Establish a clear link from the report itself and the committee's mandate/purpose/goals:
Content:	<p>The committee completed the following actions to work towards fulfilling its mandate:</p> <p>Presentations</p> <p>New Teacher Induction Program (NTIP) Update</p> <p>Superintendent Auckland introduced System Principal Overeem who gave a PowerPoint presentation on the New Teacher Induction Program (NTIP), highlighting program eligibility and components, and the various NTIP learning platforms. It was noted Indigenous courses within the program are mandatory.</p> <p>Terms of Reference Update</p> <p>Superintendent Auckland introduced Superintendent Vacante who will be assuming responsibility for the Indigenous Education portfolio in the coming months.</p>

	<p>Superintendent Auckland provided a progress report on the review of the committee's Terms of Reference (ToR). Once complete, the ToR will be submitted to the Board of Trustees for approval.</p> <p>First Nations Advisory Committee Work Plan Update</p> <p>Superintendent Auckland noted the First Nations Advisory Committee (FNAC) workplan is currently under review and will be shared at a future meeting.</p> <p>Program Spotlight (Standing Item)</p> <p>Saunders Secondary School Indigenous Education Classroom Programming</p> <p>Principal Nielsen introduced C. Camillo, teacher at Saunders Secondary School who presented information on Indigenous history courses as part of the Indigenous programming offered at Saunders Secondary School.</p> <p>Committee members participated in a photo analysis activity led by C. Camillo which highlighted topics covered in the grade 10, 11 and 12 Indigenous history curriculums.</p> <p>Principal Updates (Standing Item)</p> <p>Principals and vice principals who were in attendance highlighted initiatives, events and programming.</p> <p>It was noted principal reports have been uploaded to the FNAC Teams channel.</p> <p>Items Up for Public Input (Standing Item)</p> <p>Naming of Schools</p> <p>Chair McGahey noted the public feedback forms regarding the Naming of Schools for the new Belmont Public School, new Lucan Public School, new Southeast London Public School and new West London Public School are currently posted on the Thames Valley District School Board (TVDSB) website. The deadline for input is end of day, January 24, 2025.</p> <p>Superintendent Auckland noted the 2025-2026 TVDSB School Calendar survey is currently posted for public input on the TVDSB website. The deadline is February 12, 2025.</p>
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	<p>Indigenous Student Trustee Announcements (Standing Item)</p> <p>Indigenous Student Trustee Westlake provided an update highlighting her work on the Indigenous Relations working group from the Student Advisory Council.</p> <p>Indigenous Education Portfolio Update</p> <p>Administration provided an Indigenous Education Portfolio update highlighting events and activities. It was noted the full report will be available in the FNAC Teams channel.</p> <p>Board Action Plan (BAP) Update</p> <p>Superintendent Auckland provided a Board Action Plan update noting a working group has been formed to discuss current and future initiatives for Indigenous students. A report will be brought to a future FNAC meeting.</p> <p>Alternative Education Site Update</p> <p>Principal Shave provided an Alternative Education Site update noting referrals continue to be received for the Oneida site. Field trips are being planned, and staffing updates were provided.</p> <p>Jordan's Principle (Standing Item)</p> <p>Superintendent Auckland provided an update on Jordan's Principle requests for acknowledgement letters.</p> <p>It was noted the current Jordan's Principle guidelines are being reviewed. Updates will be brought to a future meeting for feedback.</p> <p>Community Updates (Standing Item)</p> <p>Representatives who were in attendance from Chippewas of the Thames First Nation, Munsee-Delaware and Oneida Nation of the Thames provided a verbal update on events happening in their communities</p> <p>Without objection, the meeting was extended until 4:45 p.m.</p> <p>Next Meeting Dates</p> <p>The next meeting will be held February 19, 2025.</p>
<p>Recommendations: (only required when</p>	<p>MOTIONS (if applicable) None.</p>

<i>presenting for Board/COW approval)</i>	
Financial Implications:	N/A
Timeline:	N/A
Communications:	N/A
Appendices:	N/A