

Kahnawà:ke Combined Schools Committee TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023 MONTHLY MEETING UPDATE

Kahnawà:ke Combined Schools Committee (KCSC) Members in Attendance:

1. Tahothoratie Cross (Chairperson, Post-Secondary Rep), 2. Marnie Jacobs (KSS Rep), 3. Clint Goodleaf (Karonhianónhnha School Rep), 4. Lily Deer (Community Rep), 5. Shyann White (Treasurer, General Outside Schools Rep), 6. Shona'tsó: wane Diabo (Temporary Mohawk Trail Longhouse Rep), and; 7. Amanda Rice-Leblanc (KSS Rep).

Regrets: 1. Chelsea Lahache (Secretary, Kateri School Rep), 2. Silver-Jade Montour (General Outside Schools Rep), 3. Christine Regis (Kateri School Rep), 4. Kimberly Cross-Zacharie (Karonhianónhnha School Rep), and; 5. Lynne Norton (Interim Vice-Chairperson, Longhouse on the 207 Rep).

Also in Attendance:

1. Robin Delaronde (KEC Director of Education), 2. Paul Sohenrise Nicholas (KEC Director of Finance), and; 2. Jerilyn Horn-Montour (KCSC Administrative Assistant/Minute Taker).

Start Time: 6:07pm Adjourned: 8:35pm

Mohawk Trail Representative on the KCSC

The KCSC Chairperson welcomed Shona'tsó: wane Diabo to his first KCSC meeting. Shona'tsó:wane temporarily replaced Amelia McGregor as the Mohawk Trail Longhouse Representative on the KCSC effective February 15th, 2023 as Amelia temporarily stepped away to spend more time with her family.

School Administration/Leadership

The Director of Education reported that the successful candidates have been chosen for both the KSS and Kateri School Principal positions. The candidates have both been advised. They are both in the final stages of the hiring process (i.e. signing of contracts, etc.). Once contracts are finalized and signed; a hiring update will be shared with the KCSC.

Regional Education Agreement (REA) - Performance Indicators

The KEC Director of Education and Director of Finance & Administration attended a two-day First Nations Education Council (FNEC) work and information session on Wednesday, March 29th and Thursday, March 30th. FNEC communities were presented with performance indicators identified as a result of submissions. Feedback was provided from the communities on these indicators. Four performance indicators were identified; Kahnawake is permitted to add two to three of our own indicators.

Day two was presentation and overview of the funding formula and allocations for the 2023-2024 school year. New areas communities will have to develop further with the FNEC's support will be: adult education, catchment area, and capital/space.



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Regional Education Agreement (REA) - Finance

The Director of Finance & Administration presented a 2023/2024 Financial Summary to the KCSC. The financial summary displayed where the REA monies will be allocated along with their estimated amounts. The amounts indicated in the 2023/2024 financial summary was based on staffing levels. The financial summary will give the KEC financial predictability; routinely now every year in January the KEC should receive the financial summary document. The KEC will in turn be able to plan for the next school year well in advance.

Regional Education Agreement (REA) - Next Steps

- 1. The FNEC Governance & Accountability Committee will meet the week of April 24th to review performance indicators one last time. The KEC Director of Education sits on the committee.
- 2. At the May 2nd and 3rd, 2023 FNEC General Assembly The adoption of the resolution supporting the negotiation and implementation of performance indicators will take place.
- 3. Once the performance indicators are finalized, implementation will begin. The implementation plan will be shared with the KCSC, KEC staff, parents and community to ensure they understand the Regional Education Agreement (REA) and the funding formula. The three schools will make their school success plans based on the performance indicators.

Draft Constitution & By-Laws and Kahnawà:ke Education Responsibility Act (KERA)

The KCSC continue to review the list of follow-up and outstanding questions from the draft Constitution & By-Laws and Kahnawà:ke Education Responsibility Act (KERA) that were compiled from the KCSC Legislation Ad Hoc Committee review meetings.

KCSC List of Sub-Committees

The KCSC list of sub-committees was shared with the KCSC. Vacancies were noted. This item will be discussed further at the May Monthly Meeting.

KCSC Vice-Chairperson Selection

At the December 13, 2022 KCSC Monthly Meeting, a motion was made by Tahothoratie Cross to accept Lynne Norton as Interim KCSC Vice-Chairperson for a period of 2-months effective Tuesday, December 13th, 2022. Amanda Rice-Leblanc seconded. All KCSC members agreed to the motion. The KCSC Vice-Chairperson selection was on the March 21, 2023 KCSC Monthly Meeting agenda, however, quorum was lost before that item was addressed.

At this monthly meeting, the KCSC Chairperson asked the table if anyone is interested in the position and noted what the position entails. No interest from any member was recorded. The Chairperson asked Lynne if she is still interested in the position. She replied yes. The KCSC members agreed that Lynne Norton will remain as Interim KCSC Vice-Chairperson for the rest of the 2022/2023 school year effective Tuesday, April 18, 2023.

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General (Outside Schools) Representative on the KCSC

Silver-Jade Montour notified the committee that her child recently changed schools. A promo flyer to include that Silver-Jade is no longer eligible to represent her constituency as her child changed schools will be prepared and publicly posted. The promo flyer will announce that there is one General (Outside Schools) seat vacant on the KCSC. Interested parent(s) will be asked to contact the Administrative Assistant to the KCSC by 4pm, Friday, May 5th.

As per Section 4.3.4 (Member No Longer Eligible) (page 45) of the KCSC Governance Procedural Manual, Ratified on June 25, 2018, Silver-Jade can remain on the Kahnawà:ke Combined Schools Committee (KCSC) until the position is officially filled by election or until the next Annual General Assembly (AGA).

Confirmation of Next KCSC Monthly Meeting

The next KCSC Monthly Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 16th, 2023 at 6pm via Zoom.