



Section Seven: Community Partnerships

702 –INDIGENOUS EDUCATION COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Introduction

The Board of Education acknowledges and honours the traditional territory and history of the Okanagan (Syilx) People and Westbank First Nation as our host band. We also acknowledge the traditional teachings of Elders and the wisdom of their Indigenous culture.

The Board believes in the importance of partnerships to build on the success of Indigenous students (K-12) who self-identify as First Nation, Métis and Inuit.

Policy

1. The Board believes the best possible way to support the educational programs for Indigenous students is through the implementation of the District's Enhancement Agreement. This Enhancement Agreement guides the Indigenous Education Programming, providing goals to enhance the emotional, spiritual, physical, and intellectual growth of our students.
2. The Board believes that the formation of the following collaborative structures are important to furthering the goals of the Enhancement Agreement and will therefore form Board Committees that serve this purpose:

2.1. District Indigenous Education Council ("Council")

The Council is comprised of representatives from the Board of Education, Westbank First Nation, Okanagan Indian Band, Okanagan Nation Alliance, Kelowna Métis Association, Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society, Lake Country Native Association and the Indigenous Parent and Family Education Council. The Council is supported by District staff. The Terms of Reference will be posted on the School District website. Council meeting agendas, reports, and minutes will also be posted on the School District website and provided to partner groups.

2.2 District Indigenous Education Advisory Committee ("Committee")

The Committee's mandate is to assist the Indigenous Education Council in the implementation of the Enhancement Agreement. The Committee assists the Council by identifying programs and service needs and provides input related to designing, implementing, and assessing achievement of all Indigenous students. The Committee is generally comprised of representatives from Westbank First Nation, Okanagan Indian Band, Okanagan Nation Alliance, Kelowna Métis Association, Métis Child and Family Services, Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society, Lake Country Native Association, En'owkin Center,



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2.3 District Indigenous Parent and Family Education Council ("Parent Council")

This Parent Council is comprised of parents and families of Indigenous students and provides feedback to the Council and Committee on the implementation of the Enhancement Agreement.

Date Agreed: June 24, 2015

Date Amended: June 26, 2019

Date Reviewed:

Related Documents: District Indigenous Education Council Terms of Reference; District Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Terms of Reference; Policy 705 – Relations with Parents of Students; Enhancement Agreement (2014-2019)