

Intercultural Advisory Committee Report

The Intercultural Advisory Committee (IAC) had its first meeting of the year on October 23rd. We started the meeting by acknowledging that the land on which we were meeting is the traditional and unceded territory of the Kanien'keha:ka (Mohawk), a place which has long served as a site of meeting and exchange amongst nations.

The following was discussed:

- The officers of the committee were elected Chair: Sharad Bhargava, Vice Chair: Dion Joseph, Secretary: Nadia Naqvi. This is Dion's tenth year on the IAC, His ongoing commitment to Intercultural issues was acknowledged.
- The Non-disclosure/confidentiality notification letter was reviewed.
- The IAC Mandate, Composition and Internal Rules were reviewed. Minor changes were suggested for the composition of the committee. These will have to be approved at Council.
- A sub-committee was put in place to review the results of the survey on intercultural and human rights education at different schools in LBPSB.
- Aboriginal Day will be in an Elementary School this year. Budget will be an issue.
- We started reviewing the IAC Grant Applications. It was decided to limit the maximum to \$450, due to the cuts made to our budget. Time sensitive requests were handled and the rest were tabled till the November meeting.
- A sub-committee will look at the History curriculum.
- Tabled Items: Bill 62, Multicultural Day, 2017-18 Priorities, Web site.
- The proposed meeting dates were confirmed: November 20, January 22, March 19, May 22.

Respectfully submitted by
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