

Indigenous Education Advisory Council Algonquin Protocols

These protocols are in their draft form. There are some situations where the protocols have not yet been articulated. These protocols and this document will be updated as required.

The Indigenous Education Advisory Council (IEAC) is comprised of community members and parents of Indigenous students in the Ottawa Carleton District School Board. The OCDSB resides on Algonquin territory and as such follows the protocols of the host nation.

These protocols include how the IEAC meetings are conducted and the process of decisions and procedures.

Meeting protocols include:

1. Make personal commitment to the emotional wellness and general health for all students of Indigenous ancestry.
2. Promote and defend Algonquin initiatives with the equal vigour that you would promote an initiative put forward by your own Nation.
3. Every voice at a meeting is respected and valued. When speaking, be mindful of the time you are using up. Others may want to speak and will only get to do so if time allows.
4. Show complete respect for the prayer and teachings shared by the Elder.
5. Do not interrupt a speaker. Always yield to the voice of the oldest or the youngest people who may have the floor.
6. Before proposing an idea or plan you want to incorporate into student activities, confirm that your proposal is in line with the ethics of the Host Nation.
7. Never raise your voice in anger at a meeting.

8. Be mindful of the fact that some people present, especially those of us in the winter of our time, may have pain issues and therefore we ask that you are patient and understanding of it.
9. Be respectful of the person chairing the meeting.

Decisions

1. Decisions will be made after the voices of all the members are heard and a fulsome discussion completed
2. Consensus decision making is a goal of the council wherever possible. The process includes discussions around all sides of an issue.
3. The position of the moderator is responsible for ensuring all voices are heard and decisions are made by quorum.

Procedures

Guests

In Algonquin communities, a person wishing to come into the territory had to make a request. In the case of IEAC, a request to be invited into the circle has to be made. When guests request to attend the IEAC the following steps must be taken:

1. The request must be emailed or in writing at least three weeks before the meeting.
2. The request must include their name, position, the reason why they wish to attend as well as what they plan to do with any information they are gathering.
3. Community members/Parents can send a request. However, as members of the community it isn't necessary for them to outline their purpose. Identifying as community members will suffice.
4. The requests will be discussed and determined by the Algonquin representatives of the IEAC.