

STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

April 16, 2025

The meeting opened with a welcome, introductions, a land acknowledgement and a brief summary of the purpose of the Regional Student Advisory.

Our Mi'kmaq Coordinator, Marjorie Graves, provided some background/teaching on the purpose of smudging and led a smudge activity with all present. She also informed the students that all school principals have smudge kits in the school which are available to you if any of them felt they needed or wanted them.

Michelle Coleman, Coordinator of Programs and Partnerships, led a fun ice breaker and then continued on to the Carousel Activity, designed to collect the student's voice and then as a group we reviewed / debriefed together.

Louise Smith, our Autism Consultant, spoke to the group on Understanding Autism and also provided a slide show. This topic came out of the discussion from the previous meeting.

A parking lot sheet was also provided to collect thoughts, ideas, concerns and comments.

ACTION ITEMS

- automatic timers on doors locking - also to check the times they are set (students reporting doors are locked too early, need to wait outside, also a safety concern.
- Suggestion on providing a quiet / private space for cell phone use (Dr. appointments, work, emergencies)
- A good discussion was held about their concerns that our NSISP Students are not on the alert system and therefore miss notices; Also house parents must be 100% agreeable to all situations and some are not accommodating students, for example some are not driving them places, not picking them up - a lot of students are walking long distances. It would be great to see more consistency.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.