

# Oneida Business Committee Meeting Agenda Request Form

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1. Meeting Date Requested: 02 / 12 / 14

## 2. Nature of request

Session:  Open  Executive - justification required. See instructions for the applicable laws that define what is considered "executive" information, then choose from the list below:

Agenda Header (choose one): BCC Report

Agenda item title (see instructions):

Oneida Nation School Board Quarterly Report

Action requested (choose one)

Information only

Action - please describe:

## 3. Justification

Why BC action is required (see instructions):

Acceptance of quarterly report needed from Business Committee.

## 4. Supporting Materials

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Memo of explanation with required information (see instructions)

Report  Resolution  Contract (check the box below if signature required)

Other - please list (**Note:** multi-media presentations due to Tribal Clerk 2 days prior to meeting)

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Business Committee signature required

## 5. Submission Authorization

Authorized sponsor (choose one): Greg Matson, Tribal Vice Chair

Requestor (if different from above): Debra J. Danforth, Chair / Oneida Nation School Board

Name, Title / Dept. or Tribal Member

Additional signature (as needed):

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# ONEIDA NATION SCHOOL BOARD

November 5, 2013 – February 4, 2014

## BC Quarterly Report

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DATE: February 04, 2014

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CONTACT PERSON: Rhiannon Metoxen  
OBC LIAISON: Greg Matson

MINUTES: November 4, 2013 regular meeting (approved)  
December 2, 2013 regular meeting (approved)  
January's meeting moved to February's agenda due to inclement weather.

### UPDATES

Ms. Joylyn Cornelius was recognized and awarded for her 40 years of service in September, 2013. Four of our staff: Ms. ShellyRae Stevens, first grade teacher; Ms. Keta Quiver, 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher; Ms. Melissa Kohn, Art Teacher, and Ms. Kim Reiter-Summers, Middle school Reading/Intervention Teacher earned their Master's Degrees in Reading from UW-Oshkosh. As we are limited in the availability of qualified substitute teachers, the request to hire additional qualified substitute teachers was approved. All teachers employed at ONSS must have a State of Wisconsin license to teach.

The Striving Reader Grant was continued for the second year. This grant brings in \$253,000 additional Bureau of Indian Education funds to the 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade reading program. On January 14-15, we had an onsite visit from the Albuquerque Office for the administration and teaching staff. While we have funding for this year, next year is not for certain due to the sequestration affects not yet determined in Washington, D.C. This grant currently pays for salaries of two reading staff; the common core aligned reading materials, and updated technology for reading programs. ONHS is working with a newly funded tutoring program, funded through a grant in collaboration with St. Norbert's College. Preliminary work has been completed on an agreement with NWTC for a mathematics dual credit program.

The Family And Child Education (FACE) program is currently working with 1 pre-natal mother; 31 birth through three year-olds, and 13 children in the Center-based program for a total of 45 pre-natal through five years old. The funding for this program is also in jeopardy, as discussed during an on-site technical assistance visit held with staff from the National Center for Family Literacy (NCFL) on November 7, 2013. Staff from our FACE site, along with other sites, are working with the tribal governments and locally elected Congressional staff to rally support from the powers that be in Washington, D.C. for the program to continue.

The 31<sup>st</sup> Science Fair was held December 18<sup>th</sup> with winners announced on December 19<sup>th</sup>. There will not be a nation-wide science fair this year. This program has become a virtual fair, due to lack of funds. The elementary school celebrated the first ever, *Rock Your Mocs* day on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Students were encouraged to wear their moccasins to school. Ms. Kanataloloks (Kana) Zacarias-Skenandore and student helpers lead the Stomp Dance through the hallways to the big elementary gym. Once gathered, the teachers explained the purpose of the celebration.

Professor Cliff Abbott will once again hold Oneida Language classes at the elementary school beginning Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> through May 13<sup>th</sup>, as part of the undergraduate/graduate requirements for UWGB. The elementary school is collaborating with the Just-Move-It-Oneida program to move the activities to the elementary school. The first JMIO activity is at 9 A.M. Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>.

Parent/teacher conferences will be held February 6<sup>th</sup>. The total number of students enrolled in the Oneida Nation School System during this reporting period is 425, which is derived from 321 elementary students and 104 high school students. As previously mentioned, the F.A.C.E. program also has 45 infants/toddlers in their program.

#### GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Our students continue to increase their knowledge of Oneida language and culture, as they attend language/culture and social dance classes as part of their daily education. Improving daily attendance and raising the reading and mathematics academic levels continue to be the overall goals for this school year.

The fall Wisconsin Knowledge and Concept Exams were completed in November for students in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade and 10<sup>th</sup> grade in the high school. Results arrive in May to measure progress from November of 2012 to November of 2013. These results are used to determine our AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) status. The mid-year progress assessment measured by the Northwest Education Association, MAP (Measures of Academic Progress), has also been completed. This is a computerized assessment for reading, mathematics, and language arts, which the BIE also uses to measure student progress.

School Improvement teams from both buildings are meeting twice monthly to comply with the school-wide requirement of the Native Star on-line program of objectives for all Bureau schools. Along with responses to the indicators discussed, other issues are brought up by team members for improvements needed throughout the school programs. The elementary program is forming a literacy team and will conduct a text review of grades K-5 reading curricula and purchase updated reading material for students for the 2014-15 school year.

#### MEETING REQUIREMENTS

The Oneida Nation School Board meets the first Monday of every month at 5:00 p.m. in the library at the Elementary School, and is open to the public. Special meetings and training sessions are called by the School Board Chair when deemed necessary.