

2020 report template

For Boards, Committees, and Commissions (BCCs)

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ONEIDA NATION SCHOOL BOARD

Purpose:

The Board was established to coordinate existing and future education programs of the Oneida Nation; per directive of the Oneida General Tribal Council, to be an autonomous administrator of the Oneida Nation School System ("System") under a Memorandum of Agreement with the Oneida Business Committee; and to administer the Oneida Nation School System Endowment in accordance with the Nation's Endowments law as authorized under resolution BC-02-27-19-B

BCC Members

Rhiannon Metoxen (Parent) Vice-Chair 07-31-2020	Lisa Liggins (At-Large) Chair 7-31-2021
Melinda J. Danforth (Parent) Secretary 7-31-2020	Aaron Manders (At-Large) Member 7-31-2021
Vacant (Parent) Member 7-31-2020	Sacheen Lawrence (Parent) Member 7-31-2022
Melinda K. Danforth (Parent) Member 7-31-2021	Vacant Member 7-31-2022
Sylvia Cornelius (Parent) Member 7-31-2021	

Substantiated Complaints (if applicable)

Per § 105.12-4.(a) of the Boards, Committees and Commissions law, annual and semi-annual reports shall contain information on the number of substantiated complaints against all members of the entity.

Per § 105.3-1.(q) a "Substantiated complaint" means a complaint or allegation in a complaint that was found to be valid by clear and convincing evidence.

NUMBER OF SUBSTANTIATED COMPLAINTS: 0

Meetings

Held every 1st Monday of the month and schedule a 2nd meeting as needed..

Emergency Meetings: None

Contact Info

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Status report of Three-Year Outcomes/Goals

Outcome/Goal # 1

Complete Strategic Planning for the Oneida Nation School System (ONSS)

IS THIS A LONG-TERM OR QUARTERLY GOAL? Long-term

GOOD GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLE:

Participation - Fostering a system in which the public feels that they are part of decision-making processes, including freedom of expression and assiduous concern for the best interests of the Tribe and community in general

HOW OUTCOME/GOAL SUPPORTS THE GOOD GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLE:

The Strategic Planning process the ONSS is working through Plan will involve not only the school and its staff; parents and the community-at-large will also be able to participate.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS REGARDING THE OUTCOME/GOAL:

In October 2019, the board received a presentation from Aaron Malczewski from the Cooperative Education Service Agency (CESA 7) regarding the strategic planning services they provide to school districts in the state. The Board requested the Superintendent to review the CESA 7 presentation, to research any other available options and to provide recommendations. In November 2019, the Board requested three (3) bids. In December, the Board determined they would move forward and contract with CESA 7 to provide strategic planning services. Sessions were held in January/February with Aaron Malczewski from CESA 7. The team, which was made of ONSB members, teachers, administration representatives, and parents, got the process kicked off over the four (4) sessions by identifying the a series of Belief statements, a strong mission statement, a set of objections and a set of strategies.

EXPECTATIONS/FUTURE PLANS REGARDING THE OUTCOME/GOAL:

The next step is Action Planning (30-40 hours over a few week period). This process has been placed on hold due to COVID-19 and will pick up in the fall.

Outcome/Goal # 2

Increase communication

IS THIS A LONG-TERM OR QUARTERLY GOAL? Long-term

GOOD GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLE:

Responsiveness - Availability to the public and timeous reaction to the needs and opinions of the public

HOW OUTCOME/GOAL SUPPORTS THE GOOD GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLE:

Increased communication will increase the Board's ability to respond to the needs of the community and the school.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS REGARDING THE OUTCOME/GOAL:

The Board determined they would start with the staff of the school and, working with the Nation's statistician, developed a survey for all employees in the ONSS. This survey was issued in December 2019. Results will be compiled in January/February and reviewed/shared in March.

EXPECTATIONS/FUTURE PLANS REGARDING THE OUTCOME/GOAL:

The original intent was to survey again to have comparative data but other COVID-19 related tasks became a priority. The Board will determine next steps for the surveys in the Q3.

Outcome/Goal # 3

Finalize bylaws

IS THIS A LONG-TERM OR QUARTERLY GOAL? Quarterly

GOOD GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLE:

Rule of Law - Ensuring the rules are known and applied equally to all with clear appeal (if needed) and are enforced by an impartial regulatory body, for the full protection of Oneida Nation stakeholders

HOW OUTCOME/GOAL SUPPORTS THE GOOD GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLE:

Completing the bylaws ensure compliance with the Boards, Committees, and Commissions law.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS REGARDING THE OUTCOME/GOAL:

The bylaws were deferred to the 2nd BC meeting in November 2019. The Board reviewed the bylaws and determined that some of the changes they had requested would need to go before General Tribal Council to change (i.e. number of members, number of parent members). As such, the board decided it was not ready to take the changes to the General Tribal Council. The Board has approved a final draft to be processed through the LRO.

EXPECTATIONS/FUTURE PLANS REGARDING THE OUTCOME/GOAL:

The intent was to have approval completed by March 2020. Unfortunately, other obligations have prevented the Chair and/or other officers from moving this forward. A new goal of approval by Q3 of FY-2020 has been set.

Stipends

Per the Boards, Committees, and Commissions law, stipends are set via OBC resolution. BC resolution # 05-08-19-B sets the stipend amounts.

Budget Information

FY-2020 BUDGET: 54,652.00

FY-2020 EXPENDITURES AS OF END OF REPORTING PERIOD: 15,055.00

n/a

Requests

Understanding the financial state of the Oneida Nation, the Oneida Nation School Board ardently requests the Oneida Business Committee, the COVID-19 Care Decision Making Team and the COVID-19 Finance Team to dedicate tribal contribution to the Oneida Nation School System. The future of the nation hinges on funding, even during this difficult time. There are programs such as the language immersion program that are just gaining traction and a lack of funding at this time would be catastrophic to the efforts of many. We realize that these are very difficult fiscal times, but our nation's future needs continued support. We sincerely appreciate your careful consideration as you have many difficult decisions to make during these unprecedented times in the history of the Oneida Nation.

Other

n/a