

2021 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

Aaron Manders, (At-large)
Chair
7-31-2021

Vicki L. Cornelius
Member
7-31-2021

Sacheen Lawrence
Vice Chair
7-31-2022

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Sylvia Cornelius
Secretary
7-31-2021

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Melinda K. Danforth
Member
7-31-2021

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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 3rd Monday (as needed) of every month at 5:00 p.m.

Emergency Meetings: 0

Contact Info

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Status report of Three-Year Outcomes/Goals

Outcome/Goal # 1

Click here to enter a Three-Year outcome/goal from your Triennial Strategic Plan (TSP).

IS THIS A LONG-TERM OR QUARTERLY GOAL? Quarterly

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 Coronavirus Pandemic has gripped the Nation for nearly a year now. Our students have not had the opportunity to meet with their teachers at all during that time. In order to make the best decision for all of our students attending the school system, administration surveyed

families so that the board could do our best to make decisions that reflect our family's desires.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS REGARDING THE OUTCOME/GOAL:

Upon gathering as much feedback as possible, the board has recently approved the administration's Standard Operating Procedures of instruction during a pandemic. With that plan is a return date of April 7th. Of the surveys that were collected, over 70% of families said they were willing to send their children back for in person learning, while less than 30% said they wanted to continue with virtual instruction. The plan provides all staff with the opportunity to have both vaccinations prior to having students return. We realize that there are a lot of unknowns ahead of us, but the administrative plan moving forward is one we feel is as safe as possible for students and staff, as well as their families.

EXPECTATIONS/FUTURE PLANS REGARDING THE OUTCOME/GOAL:

Our families have the option to have their child educated in a way that works best for his/her needs and their familial circumstances because we realize all families are different. We are doing our best to provide options that work for all families in the safest manner possible.

Outcome/Goal # 2

Click here to enter a Three-Year outcome/goal from your Triennial Strategic Plan (TSP).

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 is still something ONSS continues to work on. The goal is to create a plan that takes insight from staff, parents and community members and set forth a direction for the future.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS REGARDING THE OUTCOME/GOAL:

The pandemic continues to be the main focus at our monthly meetings. Once we have more stability in how we can provide education in the safest manner, we will work on the strategic plan. We want to ensure that all voices are heard, and doing so is not easy in a virtual environment with more pressing stresses and concerns.

EXPECTATIONS/FUTURE PLANS REGARDING THE OUTCOME/GOAL:

A strategic plan is a roadmap of where the school system needs to go. We need it to continue to grow and improve in a specific direction. It is important to have input from all stakeholders to ensure the strategic plan is something the community values and the direction is one all can agree on.

Outcome/Goal # 3

Click here to enter a Three-Year outcome/goal from your Triennial Strategic Plan (TSP).

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 have been on our agenda and we were able to look at some of them at our January second meeting of the month. We want to make sure our bylaws meet the specifications of the Bureau of Indian Education as well as those of the Business Committee. We will be continuing our work on updating the bylaws in the coming months.

EXPECTATIONS/FUTURE PLANS REGARDING THE OUTCOME/GOAL:

It is important to have accurate and up to date bylaws. They help ensure safe and equitable practices throughout the school system.

Stipends

Per the Boards, Committees, and Commissions law, stipends are set via OBC resolution. BC resolution # 08-12-20-C sets the stipend amounts.

Budget Information

FY-2021 BUDGET: 54,652

FY-2021 EXPENDITURES AS OF END OF REPORTING PERIOD: 3,250

Enter budget utilization information, if needed.

Requests

We appreciate your continued support during these difficult times.

Other

We continue to have a need for members. Please do what you can to encourage anyone interested in joining our team.