



Memo

Date: November 17, 2020
To: Members of Council
From: Nicola Powadiuk, OCT
Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on College Membership for Private School Teachers
Subject: Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on College Membership for Private School Teachers

Committee Meeting Dates

Since our last report to Council in October, the committee met on October 13 and November 16, 2020.

Summary of Discussions – Research Plan

1. Consultation with Heads of Independent School Systems October 16-28, 2020

In order to understand the potential implications of the Council motion on the independent system, the committee embarked on a consultation process with Heads of Independent School Systems. On October 16, a request for input was emailed to 27 private and independent school system organizations. The request outlined the committee's plan to develop a survey for Ontario private and independent schools based on their feedback, and included a list of potential areas for investigation and exploration.

The committee reviewed the consultation responses at the November 16 meeting. Responses were received from 11 participants, or an approximately 41 percent response rate. The committee will continue to work with an external consultant from The Listening Post to develop survey questions that incorporate some of the feedback received.

2. Survey with Heads of Independent School Systems and Heads of Independent Schools November 24-December 22, 2020

The above consultation revealed a lack of understanding regarding the work of the College. In order to address this, the College will email some general information about the College and give recipients a heads-up regarding the upcoming survey. The survey to heads of private and independent schools in Ontario is planned for deployment the first week in December. Survey results will be compiled during the holiday break and the committee will

meet in early January with the consultant to review the results. The committee will discuss contingency plans if the response rate is not statistically significant.

**3. Poll to Stakeholders and Poll to the Public
January 11-February 1, 2021**

At the January meeting, the consultant will also bring a poll question for the committee's consideration. This question will be shared with stakeholders and members of the public.

The committee has approved a robust timeline to ensure that it meets its commitment to Council in reporting out on its results and presenting a recommendation in March 2021.

**4. Report to Council
March 4-5, 2021**

The committee will present to Council a full report with a summary of the research as well as possible recommendations.

Motion Referred to Council

There are no motions referred to Council.

Committee Mandate

The ad hoc committee was created to provide a recommendation in response to the following Council motion:

That Council recommend to the Minister of Education that the Education Act be amended to require membership with the Ontario College of Teachers for all teachers of private schools who teach the Ontario curriculum hired after December 1, 2022, as a condition of the annual notice of intention to operate.

Committee Members

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