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STANDING COMMITTEE
Tuesday, October 13, 2020
Jim McCuaig Education Centre

Ian MacRae
Director of Education

Trudy Tuchenhagen
Chair

AGENDA

PUBLIC SESSION
7:30 p.m. – Virtual via Microsoft Teams

	<u>Resource Person</u>	<u>Pages</u>
1. Call to Order		
2. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest		
3. Approval of the Agenda		
4. Resolve into Committee of the Whole – Closed Session		
5. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - Closed Session – 7:05 p.m. (SEE ATTACHED AGENDA)		
6. Land Acknowledgement		
7. Delegations/Presentations		
7.1 Lexia and Empower Presentation	M. Probizanski	Verbal
8. Approval of Minutes		
8.1 Standing Committee Meeting - September 8, 2020	T. Tuchenhagen	1-3
9. Business Arising from the Minutes		

Trustees (Chair and Vice-Chair) and presenters of reports will be available for comment after the Board Meeting.

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MATTERS NOT REQUIRING A DECISION:

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| 10. | Information Reports | | |
| 10.1 | Adult and Continuing Education Report (068-20) | M. Probizanski | 4-6 |
| 10.2 | COVID-19 General Update | I. MacRae | Verbal |
| 10.3 | Parent Involvement Committee Meeting Minutes
- September 14, 2020 | I. MacRae | 7-8 |
| 10.4 | Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes
- June 17, 2020 | M. Probizanski | 9-13 |
| 11. | First Reports | | |

MATTERS FOR DECISION:

- 12. Postponed Reports
- 13. Ad Hoc and Special Committee Reports

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for comment after the Board Meeting.

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14. New Reports

- 14.1 Appointments to the 2020-2021 Parent Involvement Committee (067-20) I. MacRae 14-15

It is recommended that Lakehead District School Board:

1. *Approve the following appointments to the 2020-2021 Parent Involvement Committee effective November 15, 2020 to November 14, 2021:*

- *Sharon Kanutski, Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee representative;*
- *Serena Essex, Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee alternate representative;*
- *Michael Otway, Special Education Advisory Committee representative;*
- *Laura Walker, alternate parent representative;*
- *Shannon Jessiman-MacArthur, principal representative;*
- *Eric Fredrickson, alternate principal representative;*
- *Robin Cawlishaw, community representative;*
- *Laura Prodanyk, community representative;*
- *Fred Van Elburg, teacher representative; and*
- *Kathleen Andrews, alternate teacher representative.*

2. *Approve the appointment of Julie Morin, parent member, to the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 Parent Involvement Committee effective November 15, 2020 to November 14, 2022.*

- 14.2 Trustee Code of Conduct Review (069-20) E. Chambers Handout

It is recommended that Lakehead District School Board approve the amended Trustee Code of Conduct.

Trustees (Chair and Vice-Chair) and presenters of reports will be available for comment after the Board Meeting.

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14.3 Policy Review – 8061 Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee (066-20)

AJ Keene

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It is recommended that Lakehead District School Board review 8061 Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee Policy during the 2020-2021 school year.

- 15. New Business
- 16. Notices of Motion
- 17. Information and Inquiries
- 18. Adjournment

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Closed Session
7:05 p.m. – Virtual via Microsoft Teams

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5.1 Approval of Committee of the Whole - Closed Session Minutes		
5.1.1 Standing Committee Meeting - September 8, 2020	T. Tuchenhagen	1
5.2 Business Arising from the Minutes		
5.3 Consideration of Reports		
5.3.1 Legal Matters	I. MacRae	Verbal
5.4 Information and Inquiries		
5.5 Rise and Ask Leave to Sit in Public Session		

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MINUTES OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Virtual
Via Microsoft Teams

2020 SEP 08
7:30 p.m.

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Trudy Tuchenhausen (Chair)	George Saarinen
Marg Arnone	Ryan Sitch
Ellen Chambers (via teleconference)	Scottie Wemigwans
Sue Doughty-Smith	Sierra Gaudreau (Student Trustee)
Deborah Massaro	Keira Essex (Indigenous Student Trustee)
Ron Oikonen (via teleconference)	

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION:

Ian MacRae, Director of Education
AJ Keene, Superintendent of Education
Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education
David Wright, Superintendent of Business

PUBLIC SESSION:

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Trustee Arnone

Seconded by Trustee Doughty-Smith

“THAT the Agenda for Standing Committee Meeting, September 8, 2020 be approved.”

CARRIED

2. Resolve into Committee of the Whole – Closed Session

Moved by Trustee Sitch

Seconded by Trustee Chambers

“THAT we resolve into Committee of the Whole – Closed Session with Trustee Tuchenhausen in the chair to consider the following:

- *Confirmation of Committee of the Whole – Closed Session Minutes*
 - *June 9, 2020*
- *Legal Matter*

and that this meeting shall not be open to the public pursuant to Section 207 (2) of the Education Act as amended.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – CLOSED SESSION:

3. Committee of the Whole – Closed Session items were dealt with in their entirety.

PUBLIC SESSION:

4. Declaration of the 2020-2021 Student Trustee

Director MacRae introduced and welcomed Student Trustee Simran Talpade to her first official meeting in her capacity as the 2020-2021 Student Trustee. Student Trustee Talpade recited and signed the Student Trustee Declaration.

5. Introduction of Newly Appointed Leaders

Superintendent Probizanski introduced the newly appointed leaders to the Board.

6. Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by Trustee Saarinen

Seconded by Trustee Sitch

“THAT the Standing Committee approve the Minutes of the Standing Committee Meeting, June 9, 2020.”

CARRIED

MATTERS NOT FOR DECISION:

7. COVID-19 General Update

Director MacRae and Superintendent Wright provided information on current COVID-19 items relating to Lakehead District School Board. All trustees' questions were addressed.

8. Report on Activities of the 2019/2020 Supervised Alternative Learning Committee (060-20)

Superintendent Probizanski presented report for information. All trustees' questions were addressed.

9. Safe Schools Report (061-20)

Superintendent Probizanski presented report for information. All trustees' questions were addressed.

10. Information and Inquiries

- 10.1 Trustee Saarinen brought forward a question regarding bus driver shortages. Superintendent Wright responded about current status of routes and actions going forward. All trustees' questions were addressed.

11. Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Doughty-Smith

Seconded by Trustee Arnone

"THAT we do now adjourn at 8:18 p.m."

CARRIED

LAKEHEAD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

2020 OCT 13
Report No. 068-20

TO THE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF
THE STANDING COMMITTEE – Public Session

RE: ADULT AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

1. Background

- 1.1 Lakehead District School Board is committed to “student success to enhance life choices for all students” (Operational Plan, 2015-2018/2019).
- 1.2 Lakehead Adult Education Centre’s (LAEC) mission is to serve a diverse multicultural and multi-aged community with the highest quality of education.
- 1.3 Over the past five school years, LAEC has maintained an average enrolment of 2200 learners per year, and has graduated an average of 200 learners per year.

2. Situation

The LAEC currently has 537 registered learners for the 2020-2021 school year. In total, one learner has earned their Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) to date. The LAEC offers a wide variety of Continuing Education programming, both in-class and at a distance, with community and regional partners throughout Northwestern Ontario and beyond:

- self-study and e-learning;
- distance education to Indigenous communities, Contact North sites across Ontario, and Literacy and Basic Skills (LBS) sites in the Superior-Greenstone region;
- ‘Adult for Credit’ attendance-based classrooms;
- co-operative education;
- literacy and numeracy for secondary learners and for adult learners;
- English as a Second Language (ESL);
- Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR); and
- heritage languages for elementary learners.

3. Update

3.1 Completed Projects

- 3.1.1 The partnership to deliver credit programming for adults in Whitesand First Nation was cancelled in March 2020 due to COVID-19 and at the time of reporting hasn’t been renewed for the 2020-2021 school year. In January 2019, LAEC began running virtual direct instruction classes, in partnership with Whitesand and Contact North. As of March 2020, the program registered a total of 35 learners, granted over 290 credits (including prior learning equivalent credits) and graduated eight learners with their Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD).

3.1.2 The LAEC partnered with airline hotels to deliver a Specialized Language Training program for employees of the Valhalla Inn. The program ran for 12 weeks and focused on the language skills needed for the culinary industry.

3.2 Current Projects

3.2.1 The LAEC has renewed the funding agreement with the Thunder Bay Correctional Centre (TBCC) for three years. The new contract began April 1, 2020 and runs until March 31, 2023. The LAEC has one full-time and one half-time teacher currently working at the TBCC running direct instruction classes and assisting with self-study courses. The LAEC also has a partnership with the Thunder Bay District Jail (TBDJ), with one part-time teacher registering and assisting learners in self-study once a week.

3.2.2 The Aboriginal Skills Advancement Project (ASAP) is now entering its eighth year. The ASAP is an education program, in partnership with Matawa First Nations, which has graduated over 350 learners in the past seven years. The program is currently operating on a year-to-year basis, with funding secured until August 2021.

3.2.3 The LAEC has a three-year agreement with the Ministry of Children, Community, and Social Services, Citizenship (MCCSS): Immigration Division to create and to pilot English as a Second Language (ESL) blended learning classes in Northwestern Ontario. Curriculum writing for Canadian Language Benchmark Levels 1-8 was completed in May 2020, and the first e-learning classes began in January 2019 serving 39 learners in Thunder Bay, and the Superior-Greenstone region. Phase 2 of the project began in April 2019, with the goal of expanding classes into the Keewatin-Patricia region. A total of 84 learners were registered in Phase 2. Phase 3 of the project began in April 2020, with the completion of the curriculum writing portion of the project, and remote ESL classes began September 28, 2020 for the 2020-2021 school year.

3.2.4 In partnership with Roots to Harvest, Cooking for Credit, will be offered again in the 2020-2021 school year with a tentative start date of January 2021. Cooking for Credit allows adult learners the opportunity to earn cooperative education credits and learn a variety of skills related to the culinary industry. In the 2019-2020 school year, two sessions of the program were run, with a total of 32 students registered, and 21 credits earned.

3.3 New Projects

3.3.1 The LAEC is offering an after-school English as a Second Language (ESL) program for all Secondary English Language Learners (ELLs). Programming began September 28, 2020, and there are currently nine secondary ELLs registered. The program is running two evenings per week, with one evening devoted to conversational skills and homework assistance, and the other focused on the four language skills: reading, writing, listening and speaking. Registration for the program will be continuous throughout the school year.

3.3.2 In partnership with LDSB Student Success, LAEC is offering an after-school Homework Help program for all secondary students. Programming will begin October 26, 2020 and run until December 18, 2020. The program will run three times per week and will offer secondary students the opportunity to receive assistance with literacy and numeracy skills, and with their current secondary English or math classes.

3.3.3 The LAEC is working to build a new partnership with a local First Nations community with the goal to run a credit-based computer class (BTX 4E: Information Technology in the Workplace) beginning October 26, 2020 for community members. The project is currently in the planning stages.

3.4 Summer Programming

The LAEC continues to offer the following programming in a five-week summer session each year:

- e-learning programming for adults;
- summer classes for adult learners at Matawa, and the TBCC;
- co-operative education for learners of all ages;
- e-learn for day school secondary learners; and
- Focus on Youth co-operative education in partnership with LDSB Student Success.

For the 2019-2020 school year, LAEC, in partnership with LDSB Student Success, offered GLN 4O and GLD 2O to Whitesand First Nation day school secondary learners on-site in the community. Twenty-three learners were registered in the program and 19 credits were granted.

4. Conclusion

Through the ongoing support of Lakehead District School Board, LAEC continues to provide quality educational opportunities for all learners across the Thunder Bay Region and Ontario.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMANTHA PEOTTO
Acting Manager, Lakehead Adult Education Centre

MICHELLE PROBIZANSKI
Superintendent of Education

IAN MACRAE
Director of Education

LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

Microsoft Teams

2020 SEP 14
6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robin Cawlishaw	Shaun Peirce
Serena Essex	Trudy Tuchenhagen
Chitra Jacob	Fred Van Elburg
Shannon Jessiman-MacArthur	Laura Walker
Ian MacRae	
Julie Morin	
Michael Otway	

RESOURCE:

Judy Hill, Executive Assistant

MEMBERS ABSENT, WITH REGRET:

Laura Prodanyk

GUESTS:

Mahejabeen Ebrahim, Human Rights & Equity Advisor
Keira Essex, Indigenous Student Trustee
Simran Talpade, Student Trustee

1. **Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions**

Chair Peirce called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

2. **Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**

There were no disclosures of conflict of interest.

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was approved by consensus.

4. **Director's Report**

Director MacRae noted that the school graduations this past June were a memorable experience for the students, and Director MacRae congratulated all the graduates and staff. The summer months were very busy with staff working to put plans in place for the safe return of students to school in September. There have been discussions in the province on masking for JK-Grade 3 students. Director MacRae reported that Lakehead Public Schools welcomed Indigenous Trustee Scottie Wemigwans to the Board on July 28, 2020 and Student Trustee Simran Talpade on August 1, 2020.

5. Confirmation of Minutes – March 2, 2020

The minutes were approved by consensus.

6. Student Census Pilot

Mahejabeen Ebrahim, Human Rights and Equity Advisor, presented a power point presentation on the student census pilot that will be undertaken this Fall. The objectives of the pilot are to get an accurate picture of our students, identify and address barriers to equity of access and student achievement and to enhance decision-making about programs and supports necessary for student well-being and success. Questions from the group were addressed.

7. SEAC Funding Report

Chair Peirce referred to the report included in the package. The committee agreed, by consensus, to approve the carry forward of the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 funding. Due to COVID19, SEAC were not able to cohost a community engagement event with PIC.

8. AEAC Funding Report

Chair Peirce referred to the report included in the package. The committee agreed, by consensus, to approve the carry forward of the 2019-2020 funding. Due to COVID 19, the Pow Wow planned for the Spring had to be cancelled.

9. PIC Recruitment

Director MacRae reminded members, whose terms expire November 14, 2020, to reapply if interested in being on the committee for another term. Judy will let individuals know whose terms expire.

10. Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee (AEAC) Report

Deferred to October 5, 2020 meeting.

11. Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report

Deferred to October 5, 2020 meeting.

12. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 5, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thunder Bay, Ontario

2020 JUN 17

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Liz Tod (Chair)
Kelly Matyasovszky (Vice Chair)
Trustee Sue Doughty-Smith
Suzanne Posthumus
Cory Koski

Angela Hill
Trustee George Saarinen
Miranda Myers
Michelle Blackburn

OTHERS PRESENT:

Michelle Probizanski

Lori Carson

ABSENT:

Wilma Kleynendorst
Lesley Harding
Jennifer Bean

Ashley Etienne
Mike Otway

GUEST:

Mahejabeen Ebrahim

1. **Call to Order**

Liz Tod, Chair of SEAC called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. **Welcome and Introductions**

Liz Tod, Chair of SEAC welcomed Michelle Blackburn, George Jeffrey Children's Centre as a new member of SEAC. Round table introductions were held.

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Trustee George Saarinen

Seconded by Cory Koski

"THAT the agenda for the June 17, 2020 SEAC meeting be approved as amended."

CARRIED

4. **Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

5. Presentations

5.1. Special Education Plan

Lori Carson, Special Education Officer provided an overview of the changes to the Special Education Plan and noted changes were made to sections 4, 5, 7, 9, 12, 14, 16, 17 and 18. Section 19, 20 and 21 were removed as they are either redundant no longer applicable. The annual checklist will be submitted to the ministry by July 31, 2020 as required.

6. Approval of the Minutes

Moved by Trustee George Saarinen

Seconded by Kelly Matyasovszky

“THAT the minutes of the May 20, 2020 SEAC meeting be approved.”

CARRIED

7. Business Arising From the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes of March 11, 2020.

8. Correspondence

Correspondence was circulated to member by email on June 16, 2020

9. New Business

9.1. 2019-2020 SEAC Work Plan - Final

The 2019-2020 SEAC Work Plan was shared and reviewed.

9.2. 2020-2021 SEAC Work Plan - Draft

Liz Tod, Chair of SEAC shared the draft 2020-2021 SEAC Work Plan and asked members to provide input; no comments were tabled. Members were reminded adjustments to the work plan can be make as needed.

9.3. 2019-2020 PIC Funding Report

A copy of the PIC Funding Report was shared with members. The report will be submitted to PIC as required.

9.4. 2020-2021 SEAC Draft Meeting Dates

The draft meeting schedule was reviewed; December 9, 2020 and March 10, 2021 were selected as meeting dates for from those proposed for the corresponding months. Meeting invitations will be sent to members for the 2020-2021 calendar year.

9.5. 2020-2021 SEAC Draft Presentation Schedule

The draft presentation schedule was presented and reviewed. Members can submit ideas for presentations they feel would be beneficial to the committee.

Lori Carson, Special Education Officer suggested reviewing the results of the OHRC Right to Read Audit when it is available. Members agreed this would be a good presentation; this will be added to the presentation for December 2020 and adjusted based on the report being released.

9.6. Annual Newsletter Schedule

Liz Tod noted the newsletter schedule has not been utilized in the past couple years and will no longer be circulated annually. Members were reminded to continue to forward information their organizations would like schools to share on social media platforms and other communication methods.

9.7. SEAC Leadership Award Recipients

Kelly Matyasovszky, Vice Chair of SEAC provided highlights of the 2019-2020 SEAC Leadership Award submissions and noted all recipients are well deserving students.

9.8. Community Engagement Event

Liz Tod, Chair of SEAC noted it was agreed at the March 11 SEAC meeting to revisit the community engagement event at this meeting. At present, there are no confirmed plans for reopening of schools and the requirements for social distancing are still in place. Options for a community engagement event will be revisited at the September 2020 meeting.

9.9. Support for Children – Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education provided an update and noted that due to the pandemic review of the special education plan was put on hold however there will be a review of all the services that are provided to students with special needs. Ms. Probizanski shared that currently there is one itinerant support person for secondary and two for elementary and noted how these services were provided. Currently, there are approximately 25 – 30 students through kindergarten to grade 12 who require support. A decision has been made that starting in the fall of 2020, both elementary itinerant teachers will now travel throughout elementary schools to provide support to deaf and hard of hearing students that require support. This will ensure equity of service for those in need.

9.10. Summer Learning Opportunities

Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education shared information regarding summer learning opportunities and noted the ministry has provided funding to support this initiative for students with special needs

and mental health needs. The Board will be offering ten different virtual literacy and numeracy programs in July which are open to students from grade 2 to 8. An SSP will be attached to each program to offer support to students with special needs. Principals will reach out to students with exceptionalities who would benefit from attending. Over 150 students are interested in participating in the summer learning program.

Additionally the ministry has provided funding to provide social work services throughout the summer. This service will be available to students currently being supported as well as other students who may require support. Eric Frederickson, Principal of Programs will be available throughout the summer to accept any social work support referrals.

Services will also be provided for transitioning of students with special needs and mental health needs moving to secondary or those who need support returning to face-to-face learning.. The transition support will be offered during the last two weeks of August. An option to have SSPs provide one-on-one support is being reviewed.

Ms. Probizanski recognized staff for the dedication and hard work in planning the summer learning program for students who are most vulnerable.

Discussion ensued and members questions were addressed.

9.11. SSP Peer Support Program

Lakehead District School Board has partnered with a Quantec – First Response who has designed an app that allows peers to support peers. SSPs have been chosen to pilot the program; the Board feels it is important we understand their daily issues and want to offer them support. Kari Simpson, President OSSTF-SSP fully supports the pilot program which will begin in the fall of 2020.

9.12. Equity and Inclusive Education Committee (EIEC) Rep

Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education noted there is an EIEC meeting scheduled for and Mike Otway has been invited to attend. In the event he chooses not to let his name stand as the SEAC representative, a request for a different representative will be brought back to a future SEAC meeting.

10. Information/Inquires & Association Reports

Cory Koski advised he will be stepping down as a SEAC member and this will be his last meeting. He thanked everyone for the opportunity to work with and be able to contribute to the committee. Mr. Koski was thanked for his time and dedication as a member of SEAC.

Liz Tod, Chair of SEAC asked if the Board has considered students with special needs when planning for September. Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education assured her students with special needs are being considered in all aspects of return to school plans.

Liz Tod, Chair of SEAC referred to the survey that was sent to parents regarding learning software / platforms and asked if a decision has been made on how the Board will move forward. Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education noted the Board is considering how to move forward as effectively as possible and that one program / platform may not work for all involved.

11. Status of the SEAC Budget

Liz Tod, Chair of SEAC shared that the year-end SEAC budget is \$5,928.29. A request to carry forward all remaining funds will be sent to the Superintendent of Business

12. Board Update

Trustee Sue Doughty-Smith provided an update on the following:

- Trustees appreciation to senior team for ensuring the Board remains informed of current situation;
- The passing of Dolores Wawia, Co Chair and founding member of AEAC;
- Incredible work from Lakehead District School Board staff including recent grad events and the media attention it has gained;

Trustee Doughty-Smith thanked committee members for their dedication and Robin Orr for her support of the committee.

Trustee George Saarinen noted it has been an extraordinary year and recognized staff who have gone above and beyond to support students and families. He also noted that work is underway with the budget process; and will be finalized when information is available from the ministry.

Liz Tod, Chair of SEAC thanked Michelle Probizanski, Lori Carson and Robin Orr for their ongoing support of the committee.

Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education thanked committee members, as well as recognizing Liz Tod and Kelly Matyasovszky for their leadership on the committee.

13. Adjournment

Moved by Trustee George Saarinen Seconded by Trustee Sue Doughty-Smith

“THAT we do now adjourn at 7:13 p.m.”

CARRIED

LAKEHEAD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

2020 OCT 13
Report No. 067-20

TO THE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF
THE STANDING COMMITTEE – Public Session

RE: APPOINTMENTS TO THE 2020-2021 PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

1. Background

- 1.1 In September 2010, the Ministry of Education adopted Ontario Regulation 330/10 School Councils and Parent Involvement Committees requiring school boards to establish a Parent Involvement Committee that adheres to the requirements outlined in legislation.
- 1.2 The legislation outlined processes and timelines. The Parent Involvement Committee established working By-Laws that satisfied the legislation. The current By-Laws were adopted by the Parent Involvement Committee on September 9, 2019.

2. Situation

2.1 Parent Involvement Committee appointments must be approved by the Board.

2.2 Parent Voting Members

The parent voting members include: (one or two year terms)

- four school council representatives;
- two parent members;
- one parent member appointed from the Special Education Advisory Committee;
- one parent member appointed from the Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee; and
- alternate representatives that are appointed for one year only.

2.2.1 Parent members can be employees of Lakehead District School Board.

2.2.2 Currently, Chitra Jacob, parent member, is serving a two year term from November 15, 2019 to November 14, 2021.

2.3 Community Voting Members

Up to three community representatives, that are voting members, can be appointed to the committee. Community representatives cannot be employees or members of Lakehead District School Board.

2.4 Voting member positions were advertised on the Board's website.

2.5 Non-Voting Members

The non-voting members include: (one year terms)

- director of education;
- one trustee;
- one principal;
- one teacher; and
- alternate representatives.

2.5.1 The trustee and trustee alternate representative will be appointed by the Board after its Annual Meeting on December 1, 2020.

2.6 The Parent Involvement Committee will continue to seek members for the remaining vacancies.

3. Conclusion

A recommendation to approve the Parent Involvement Committee appointments for 2020-2021 is included in this report.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Lakehead District School Board:

1. Approve the following appointments to the 2020-2021 Parent Involvement Committee effective November 15, 2020 to November 14, 2021:
 - Sharon Kanutski, Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee representative;
 - Serena Essex, Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee alternate representative;
 - Michael Otway, Special Education Advisory Committee representative;
 - Laura Walker, alternate parent representative;
 - Shannon Jessiman-MacArthur, principal representative;
 - Eric Fredrickson, alternate principal representative;
 - Robin Cawlishaw, community representative;
 - Laura Prodanyk, community representative;
 - Fred Van Elburg, teacher representative; and
 - Kathleen Andrews, alternate teacher representative.
2. Approve the appointment of Julie Morin, parent member, to the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 Parent Involvement Committee effective November 15, 2020 to November 14, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

IAN MACRAE
Director of Education

LAKEHEAD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

2020 OCT 13
Report No. 066-20

TO THE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF
THE STANDING COMMITTEE – Public Session

RE: POLICY REVIEW – 8061 ABORIGINAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1. Background

- 1.1 It is the policy of Lakehead District School Board that policies will be developed or reviewed in accordance with 2010 Policy Development and Review Policy.
- 1.2 The 8061 Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee Policy was last revised on November 27, 2018.

2. Situation

- 2.1 At the September 17, 2020 Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee meeting, it was requested, by the committee, to bring forward the 8061 Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee policy and procedures and to review the language currently used in the documents and to update the documents.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Lakehead District School Board review 8061 Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee Policy during the 2020-2021 school year.

Respectfully submitted,

AJ KEENE
Superintendent of Education

IAN MACRAE
Director of Education