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BOARD MEETING NO. 22 (SPECIAL)

**Friday, October 16, 2020
Virtual via Microsoft Teams**

Ian MacRae
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Chair

AGENDA

**PUBLIC SESSION
Immediately following the Closed Session**

	<u>Resource Person</u>	<u>Pages</u>
1. Call to Order		
2. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest		
3. Approval of the Agenda		
4. Land Acknowledgment		
5. Resolve into Committee of the Whole – Closed Session		
6. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Closed Session – 12:05 p.m. (SEE ATTACHED AGENDA)		
7. Report of Committee of the Whole – Closed Session		

MATTERS FOR DECISION:

8. New Reports		
8.1 Lakehead Public Schools International Compliance (071-20)	AJ Keene	1-18

It is recommended that Lakehead District School Board maintain its commitment to continuing its International Education program in compliance with the guidelines for accepting international students that have been established by the Ontario Ministry of Education and the Canadian Federal Government.

9. Adjournment

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

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**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Closed Session
12:05 P.M. – Virtual via Microsoft Teams**

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5.1 Consideration of Reports		
5.1.1 Personnel Matter (070-20)	I. MacRae	Handout
5.2 Rise and Report Progress		

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LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

2020 OCT 16
Report No. 071-20

TO THE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF
LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD – Public Session

RE: LAKEHEAD PUBLIC SCHOOLS INTERNATIONAL COMPLIANCE

1. Background

- 1.1 Lakehead Public Schools International (LPSI) was established as a corporation following approval by Lakehead District School Board (LDSB) in June 2015. It has an arms-length governance structure that guides the International Student program. The 2020-2021 school year will be the fifth official year the program has been operating since its inaugural launch in September 2016.
- 1.2 Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and travel uncertainty, we had eight students remain in Canada over the summer. Our projections for 2020-2021 school year were to have 40 or more international students enrolled; however, of these students, only 14 were able to commit. Furthermore, four of these students are currently engaging in distance learning and will join us in Thunder Bay as soon as borders open.

2. Situation

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to seek support for the LDSB Attestation to Receive International Students per federal and provincial requirements as well as a Board resolution endorsing our ongoing participation in international education and commitment to upholding the requirements outlined. To that end, LDSB's International Program has prepared new "COVID-19 Arrival Guides" to demonstrate the readiness of the LDSB to safely welcome international students into our schools and local communities.
- 2.2 Travel restrictions related to border closures have limited the ability for international students to enter our country. In Canada, borders closed to travel March 18, 2020. International students with study permits approved prior to March 18 were provided an exemption. Students with permits issued after this date are currently not eligible to enter the country. An Attestation of Readiness and supporting documentation will be forwarded to the Ministry of Education and reviewed by them jointly with federal health authorities to determine a list of qualified districts (Appendix A). The intention would be to extend the exemption to all international students with valid study permits to approved school districts to enter the country, regardless of the issue date of their permit. This approval would open the border to our students presently studying through distance learning in their home country.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Lakehead District School Board maintain its commitment to continuing its International Education program in compliance with the guidelines for accepting international students that have been established by the Ontario Ministry of Education and the Canadian Federal Government.

Respectfully submitted,

STEVEN JOHNSON
International Student Coordinator

AJ KEENE
Superintendent of Education

IAN MACRAE
Director of Education

COVID-19

Student Arrival Guide

2020-2021



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Introduction



As we all navigate our way through living and learning during a pandemic, we can appreciate the need to alter our travel and arrival protocols.

Please take some time to review the information in this package. By not following this protocol, students may be denied entry into the country. Government authorities may also fine students for non-compliance in certain situations.

Our top priority is the health and safety of our students, host families, schools, and communities. We are obligated to follow the regulations and recommendations of the Canada and provincial governments, and the local public health authority.

At the end of the document is the COVID-19 Travel and Arrival Protocols form. This document must be signed and sent to:

international@lakeheadschoools.ca

Definitions

COVID-19 : Human coronaviruses cause infections of the nose, throat and lungs. They are most commonly spread from an infected person through:

- respiratory droplets generated when you cough or sneeze.
- close, prolonged personal contact, such as touching or shaking hands.
- touching something with the virus on it, then touching your mouth, nose, or eyes before washing your hands.

Current evidence suggests person-to-person spread is efficient when there is close contact.

Social/Physical Distancing: Keep at least 2 meters between you and others. Avoid crowded spaces and places.

Self Isolation and Quarantine: Stay in one location (home/ place of living) to prevent exposing others or yourself to COVID-19. You must self-isolate/quarantine if:

- you are returning from travel outside of Canada (mandatory quarantine).
- you had close contact with someone who has or is suspected to have COVID-19.
- you have been told by the public health authority that you may have been exposed and need to quarantine.
- you have been diagnosed with COVID-19, or are waiting to hear the results of a lab test for COVID-19.
- you have symptoms of COVID-19, even if mild.

Pre-Departure



Communication and Relationship Building: Contact your host family to know each other. A video chat using Zoom or Skype is a good way. Remember to exchange emails and cell phone numbers with your host family and enter the International Education office number into your cell phone.

Household Isolation: Before you leave your home country to come to Canada, it is recommended that you self-isolate in your home for 2 weeks and only meet your family during that time.

Medical Check / Testing: Students should request/obtain a letter from the doctor within 72 hours before departure that confirms you are healthy and safe to travel. If possible you should also get a COVID-19 test. Bring the letter with you when you go through immigration.

Packing Include the following in your carry-on bag:
Passport, Study Permit or Letter (if you have one),
Custodianship Documents, Letter of Acceptance, Host Family Profile with contact information, change of clothes and some snacks.

Arrival Plans



****Before you leave your home country, you must download the ArriveCAN app from the Government of Canada.**

ArriveCAN App The ArriveCAN app is available for iPhone and Android and can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play. This app must be setup before you arrive at immigration in Canada because the immigration officer will provide you with a **TOKEN NUMBER** you will need to enter.**

Airport/Flight Best Practices

Wearing a Mask/Hand Washing: Remember to wear a mask at all times. Wash your hands before you board the airplane.

Practice Social Distancing: It is important to try to keep your distance from other people. You should try and keep at least 2 meters from other people.

Keeping Safe: Keep your cell phone charged in case you need to contact your host family. Bring some snacks in your carry on bag because the restaurants in the airport may not be open. When you get to your airplane seat remember to wipe down your area.

Arriving in Canada

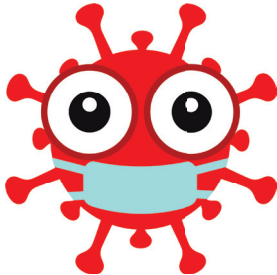


You finally made it! We are sure you are excited to begin your authentic Canadian experience in Thunder Bay and Lakehead Public Schools.

Have the following documents ready for when you go through immigration:

1. Text your host family when you land.
2. Have a copy of your host family profile.
3. Very important — Do not forget to bring your Study Permit if you need one!
4. Meet your host family at the spot you decided with them.

Self-Isolation/Quarantine



Government Rules and Communication

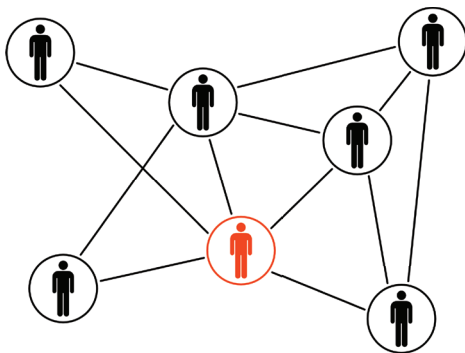
You made it through the airport and now are heading to your new home! In Ontario, everyone has worked hard to keep COVID-19 manageable. We did this by following some important rules from the government. When you get to your new home you must self-isolate for 14 days. This means you should stay in your room and avoid direct contact with your host family and others. The governments of Canada and Ontario want to make sure all new arrivals to Canada are safe and healthy. To do this they will call you or your host family to make sure you are self-isolating and following the law.

Student Responsibilities

To keep you and your host family safe while you are self-isolating, it is important that you stay in your room. You are able to leave your room to go to the bathroom.

Remember to keep your room clean and practice good hygiene. Some examples are washing your hands often, showering everyday, cleaning the bathroom after using it, covering your mouth and nose with your elbow when you cough and sneeze and keeping your room clean.

What to do During Self-Isolation



Stay Connected

Contact your friends and family when you are self isolating. Check with your host family to make sure you have access to wi-fi. It is important to check your email regularly because your school might try to contact you.

Monitor your Mental

Health Being in a new country is exciting but being in self-isolation may be challenging. Communicate with your host family regularly and let them know how you are feeling. We are all here to support you!

Physical Health

Staying active during self isolation! This is a great opportunity for you to try a new exercise routine, such as yoga. It is important to make sure you establish a healthy routine as quickly as possible. Try to go to bed at a reasonable hour and don't stay up all night.

Resources



Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) How to care for a person with COVID-19 at home - Advice for caregivers:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/publications/diseases-conditions/how-to-care-for-person-with-covid-19-at-home-advice-for-caregivers.html>

Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) Being Prepared - for individuals:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/being-prepared.html>

Provincial and territorial resources for COVID-19:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/symptoms/provincial-territorial-resources-covid-19.html>

COVID-19 App and Daily Symptom Tracker:

<https://ca.thrive.health/>

COVID-19 Checklist

September 2020 Travel and Arrival Protocol

We look forward to welcoming you to the Lakehead Public Schools International Program in the 2020-2021 school year. We must ensure the health and safety of our students and host families. The following document will outline the expectations of government and health authorities. Students must abide by these expectations to participate in the program.

This document must be signed and email to:

international@lakeheadschoools.ca

Pre-Departure:

- Contact host family and discuss expectations, make sure they have a current photo of you
- Provide arrival information and exchange contact information (cell, email)
- Read How to self-isolate after travel when you live with other family members and Daily Self Monitoring form for COVID-19
- Complete, send and print the online Mandatory Self-Isolation Plan (<https://travelscreening.gov.bc.ca/>)
- Download COVID-19 App and Daily Symptom Tracker
- Download the ArriveCAN App (iOS and Android)
- Pack 60 disposable face masks OR 30 disposable and 1 cloth face mask, one large bottle of hand sanitizer, one box of nitrile gloves, thermometer

In carry on, pack the following:

- Passport and Study Permit/Confirmation document
- Custodianship documents and Letter of Acceptance o Host family profile and contact information
- Copy of this document signed by yourself and your parents
- Printed self-isolation plan form
- 2 masks, 3 pair of gloves, travel-sized hand-sanitizer, disinfecting wipes.

Airport:

- Wear mask and gloves
- Wash hands frequently and use hand sanitizer
- Practice social distancing and touch as few surfaces as possible
- Sanitize your personal space and minimize washroom trips
- Keep cell phone charged
- Bring your own food and refillable water bottle

Arrival in Canada:

- Contact host family and confirm pick up point
- Wear fresh mask and gloves
- Have all documents ready to proceed through immigration
- Maintain physical distancing when picking up luggage
- Load your own luggage into the car and sit in back seat if possible

In Homestay – Self-Isolation:

- You are required to self-isolate for 14 days – this means staying in your room and avoiding contact with others
- When you arrive to your host family's home immediately remove your travel clothes and place them in a plastic bag for your host family to wash for you.
- Your homestay family will provide you with foods, clean linens, a comfortable room and internet access
- Keep your room well ventilated and clean – open your window to allow air circulation
- Practice good hygiene and use a separate bathroom if possible
- Clean the bathroom after every use
- Stay connected with friends and family by phone or internet
- Monitor your physical and mental well-being. If you are not feeling well, let your host family know.
- Empty garbage frequently, wash hands after
- Follow your host family's advice to wash clothes / do laundry
- Keep personal items separate from those belonging to others
- Ask for help from your host family or homestay coordinator if you need it.

REMEMBER:

Self-Isolation is a requirement of the Quarantine Act and is not optional. Students who are in private homestay arrangements or with parents must also self-isolate for 14 days. By signing, I have read, understand and agree to comply with the expectations listed in this document. I understand if I do not follow these expectations, I risk being dismissed from the program. Students and parents are responsible for any fines incurred due to breach of the Quarantine Act and regulations from the Government of Ontario.

Student Full Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Full Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Relationship:

- Mother Father Legal Guardian
 Other: _____

Full Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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