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REGULAR BOARD MEETING NO. 4

Tuesday, March 23, 2021 Virtual via Microsoft Teams

Ian MacRae
Director of Education

Ellen Chambers Chair

AGENDA

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

Resource
Person Pages

- 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 6:35 p.m. (SEE ATTACHED AGENDA)**
- 6. Report of Committee of the Whole Closed Session
- 7. Land Acknowledgement
- 8. Delegations/Presentations
- 9. Approval of Minutes
 - 9.1 Regular Board Meeting No. 3 February 23, 2021

E. Chambers

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10. Business Arising from the Minutes

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16.	New F	Reports		
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		It is recommended that Lakehead District School Board approve the appointment of Cynthia Gomez as a replacement member to the Special Education Advisory Committee representing Anishnawbe Mushkiki, for the term ending November 30, 2022.		

- 17. New Business
- 18. Notices of Motion
- 19. Information and Inquiries
- 20. Adjournment



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5.4	Information and Inquiries				
5.5	Rise and Report Progress				

LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING NO. 3

Virtual 2021 FEB 23 Via Microsoft Teams 7:30 p.m.

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Ellen Chambers (Chair)
Trudy Tuchenhagen (Vice Chair)
Marg Arnone
Sue Doughty-Smith
Deborah Massaro
Ron Oikonen

Ryan Sitch
George Saarinen
Scottie Wemigwans
Keira Essex (Indigenous Student
Trustee)
Simran Talpade (Student Trustee

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION:

Ian MacRae, Director of Education Kirsti Alaksa, Superintendent of Business AJ Keene, Superintendent of Education Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education

FEDERATION/UNION REPRESENTATIVES:

Ryan McDonnell, Lakehead Principals/Vice Principals Meghan Smelow, Lakehead Principals/Vice Principals Dave Covello, Managers

PUBLIC SESSION:

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Trustee Saarinen

Seconded by Trustee Oikonen

"THAT the Agenda for Regular Board Meeting No. 3, February 23, 2021, be approved."

2. Resolve into Committee of the Whole - Closed Session

Moved by Trustee Doughty-Smith

Seconded by Trustee Wemigwans

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

- Confirmation of Committee of the Whole Closed Session Minutes of:
 - Regular Board Meeting No. 2, January 26, 2021.
- Property Matters (022-21)
- Negotiations Update (019-21)
- Negotiations Update (020-21)

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. Report of Committee of the Whole – Closed Session

Moved by Trustee Tuchenhagen

Seconded by Trustee Sitch

"THAT the Report of the Regular Board – Committee of the Whole – Closed Session be adopted with the following recommendations therein:

'THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the Committee of the Whole – Closed Session Minutes of Regular Board Meeting No. 2, January 26, 2021.'

'THAT' the Memorandum of Settlement, Appendix A, as negotiated between the Lakehead District School Board and the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF) representing OSSTF, District 6A, Occasional Teachers Bargaining Unit effective February 1, 2021 to August 31, 2022, be ratified by the Board, and that the Officers of the Board be authorized to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Board and affix the corporate seal thereto.'

THAT the Memorandum of Settlement, Appendix A, as negotiated between the Lakehead District School Board and the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF) representing OSSTF, District 6A, Teachers' Bargaining Unit effective January 12, 2021 to August 31, 2022, be ratified by the Board, and that the Officers of the Board be authorized to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Board and affix the corporate seal thereto."

5. Celebrating Student Achievement – École Gron Morgan Public School

AJ Keene, Superintendent of Education, introduced Erin Aylward, Principal, École Gron Morgan Public School and Lori Badanai, Vice Principal, École Gron Morgan Public School, who presented on the initiatives: *Our Journey as a Legacy School: A Path through ReconciliACTIONS and Our School Improvement Plan.* A PowerPoint presentation was displayed highlighting activities they introduced to students to support Truth and Reconciliation at École Gron Morgan Public School, with a focus on Call to Action 63.3.

All trustees' questions were addressed.

6. <u>Approval of Minutes</u>

Moved by Trustee Arnone

Seconded by Trustee Saarinen

"THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the Minutes of Regular Board Meeting No. 2, January 26, 2021."

CARRIED

MATTERS NOT REQUIRING A DECISION:

7. Ontario Public School Boards' Association Report

Trustee Saarinen, Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) Director and voting delegate, informed the Board that the next Directors' Meeting would be held January 27, 2021.

8. Indigenous Student Trustee Report

Keira Essex, Indigenous Student Trustee, provided a handout as her report. Items addressed included: Welcome to Kindergarten virtual event, Equity and Inclusive Education Advisory Committee meeting, Budget Committee meeting, Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee meeting, I Read Canadian Day virtual event, Lakehead District School Board Strategic Planning Session, implementation of medicine tables, upcoming student trustee elections and infographic development for the role of student trustees.

9. Student Trustee Report

Simran Talpade, Student Trustee, provided a handout as her report. Items addressed included: I Read Canadian Day virtual event, Ontario Student Trustees' Association (OSTA-AECO) Conference, Toronto Youth Cabinet meeting and student trustee elections.

10. COVID-19 General Update

Ian MacRae, Director of Education, and AJ Keene, Superintendent of Education, provided a verbal update on COVID-19 related issues affecting the Lakehead District School Board. All trustees' questions were addressed.

10.1 <u>Suspension of Rules – 7.1.18 Notices of Motion</u>

Moved by Trustee Sitch

Seconded by Trustee Arnone

"THAT Lakehead District School Board suspend section 7.1.18 Notices of Motion of the Lakehead District School Board Procedural By-Law to allow for the following motion to be brought forward without notice:

"THAT Lakehead District School Board immediately requests and strongly urges that the Thunder Bay District Health Unit use their authority to move all schools, that comprise the Lakehead District School Board, to virtual learning as of Monday, March 1, 2021, for a period of a minimum of two weeks, with the option for indefinite extension, to be determined via discussions between the Thunder Bay District Health Unit and the Senior Administrative Team of Lakehead District School Board."

CARRIED

Trustee Arnone called for a recorded vote.

Recorded Vote:

<u>Trustee</u>	<u>Infavour</u>	<u>Opposed</u>
Arnone	X	
Chambers	X	
Doughty-Smith	X	
Massaro		X
Oikonen	X	
Saarinen	X	
Sitch	X	
Tuchenhagen	X	
Wemigwans	X	
-		CARRIED

10.2 Communication to the Thunder Bay District Health Unit

Moved by Trustee Sitch

Seconded by Trustee Arnone

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Recorded Vote:

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Arnone	X	
Chambers	X	
Doughty-Smith	X	
Massaro	X	
Oikonen	X	
Saarinen	X	
Sitch	X	
Tuchenhagen	X	
Wemigwans	X	
-		CARRIED

MATTERS FOR DECISION:

11. Recommendations from the Standing Committee (023-21)

School Year Calendar 2021-2022 (017-21)

Moved by Trustee Tuchenhagen

Seconded by Trustee Saarinen

"THAT Lakehead District School Board:

- Approve the proposed 2021-2022 elementary school year calendar, including the opening and closing dates and professional activity days, as described in Appendix A of Report No. 017-21.
- 2. Approve the proposed 2021-2022 secondary school year calendar, including the opening and closing dates, professional activity days and examination days, as described in Appendix B of Report No. 017-21."

CARRIED

Policy Review – 4020 Alternative Schools (018-21)

Moved by Trustee Tuchenhagen

Seconded by Trustee Sitch

"THAT Lakehead District School Board approve 4020 – Alternative Schools Policy, Appendix A to Report No. 018-21."

12. Appointment to the 2020-2021 Parent Involvement Committee (021-21)

Moved by Trustee Arnone

Seconded by Trustee Doughty-Smith

"THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the appointment of Erin Waddington as school council representative on the 2020-2021 Parent Involvement Committee for the term November 15, 2020 to November 14, 2021.

CARRIED

13. <u>Information and Inquiries</u>

- 13.1 Trustee Saarinen informed trustees of the recent Student Transportation Services of Thunder Bay Governance Committee Meeting and indicated that the information would be distributed to trustees through the executive secretary.
- 13.2 Chair Chambers provided an update on her participation in the virtual I Read Canadian event where she read to Grades 2 through 8.

14. Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Saarinen

Seconded by Trustee Arnone

"THAT we do now adjourn at 8:59 p.m."

LAKEHEAD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

2021 MAR 23 Report No. 029-21

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

RE: BUS TRANSPORTATION FINAL COSTS FOR 2020-2021

1. <u>Background</u>

School bus transportation contracts for Lakehead District School Board are based on a formal procurement process and negotiated efforts with the coterminous Board and our service providers. References to changes in the 2020-2021 contract amounts refer back to the previous year.

2. Situation

- 2.1 With respect to the 2020-2021 contracts, Lakehead District School Board has secured fully tendered routing for busing services through Student Transportation Services of Thunder Bay (STSTB).
- 2.2 Student transportation in 2020-2021 has had unique challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic. These challenges include:
 - the implementation of extra midday secondary school routes in order to accommodate a provincial requirement for the Board to limit secondary in-class student cohorting;
 - extra labour time required for school bus drivers to disinfect all high touch surfaces after morning and midday runs, as well as a more thorough cleaning following the afternoon run; and
 - accommodating the Thunder Bay District Health Unit recommendation to schedule no more than 50 students on our contracted 72 passenger school buses.
- 2.3 Utilization of the TripSpark VEO Transportation software for route planning accurately measures the length of all routes. This is adjusted annually for new students, departing students, and when there are changes to students' addresses. This year saw an overall decrease to route lengths as a net result of a 25% drop in ridership, attributed to pandemic concerns, and the addition of stand-alone midday routes. For 2020-2021, there was a 204 km decrease in the daily distance travelled bringing the total daily distance, including both contracted and extra midday routes, to 11,482 km.
- 2.4 The 2020-2021 transportation funding formula contains a *fuel escalator/de-escalation clause* to help provide additional funding stability regardless of market volatility of fuel prices. The Ministry of Education has established the fuel funding price at \$0.957 per liter, plus or minus three percent. If fuel prices are above or below this range in any month within the fiscal year, a funding adjustment will apply.

2.5 The 2020-2021 fully tendered and audited routing resulted in the following daily contract amounts, in addition to the extra midday route and enhanced cleaning labour costs (not including HST):

DAILY PAYMENT			
First Student Canada - Contracted	\$19,404		
First Student Canada - Extra Midday	\$ 2,300		
First Student Canada - Enhanced Cleaning Labour	\$ 550		
Iron Range Bus Lines - Contracted	\$10,786		
Iron Range Bus Lines - Extra Midday	\$ 2,596		
Iron Range Bus Lines - Enhanced Cleaning Labour	\$ 372		
TOTALS	\$36,008		

3. Conclusion

Having successfully addressed the unprecedented challenges to student transportation caused by the ongoing global pandemic, Lakehead District School Board continues to provide safe, efficient, high quality and cost-effective transportation services to students in Thunder Bay and the surrounding region.

Respectfully submitted,

CRAIG MURPHY
Consortium Manager
Student Transportation Services of Thunder Bay

KIRSTI ALAKSA Superintendent of Business

IAN MACRAE Director of Education

LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2021 JAN 20

Jim McCuaig Education Centre Thunder Bay, Ontario VIA Microsoft Teams

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Liz Tod Carey Murphy
Michelle Blackburn Angela Hill
Trustee Sue Doughty-Smith Trustee Marg

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Suzanne Posthumus
Anne Antenucci
Kelly Matyasovszky
Mike Otway

Trustee Marg Arnone
Wilma Kleynendorst
Tracy Paquette
Jennifer Bean
Miranda Myers

OTHERS PRESENT:

Michelle Probizanski (acting Chair) Christine Jones

Anne Marie McMahon-Dupuis (System Indigenous Student Trustee Essex

Principal)

ABSENT WITH REGRETS:

Lesley Harding Student Trustee Talpade
Ashley Etienne Ruth Ann Fay

1. Call to Order

Superintendent of Education, Michelle Probizanski, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. Election of Special Education Advisory Committee Chair

Superintendent of Education, Michelle Probizanski, called for nominations for chair of the Special Education Advisory Committee. As no nominations were forthcoming, Superintendent Probizanski chaired the remainder of the meeting.

Election of Special Education Advisory Committee Vice Chair

Superintendent of Education, Michelle Probizanski, called for nominations for vice chair of the Special Education Advisory Committee. There were no nominations forthcoming.

3. Welcome and Introductions

Superintendent of Education, Michelle Probizanski, welcomed Anne Marie McMahon-Dupuis as Lakehead District School Board's System Principal.

4. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Wilma Kleynendorst

Seconded by Trustee Liz Tod

"THAT the agenda for the January 20,2021 SEAC meeting be approved."

CARRIED

5. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

6. Presentations

Superintendent of Education, Michelle Probizanski, presented 8072 Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity Policy and Procedure. This policy and procedure will be available on Lakehead District School Board's website for constituent input.

7. Approval of the Minutes

Moved by Wilma Kleynendorst

Seconded by Trustee Marg Arnone

"THAT the minutes of the December 9, 2020 SEAC meeting be approved."

CARRIED

8. Business Arising From the Minutes

8.1 Community Engagement Online Event Update

Anne Marie McMahon-Dupuis, System Principal, provided an update on the community engagement online event. Our first event by Dr. Cunningham was very well received and had approximately 28 people in attendance. Positive feedback was received from parents and staff. One parent shared their takeaway as: "they had hope and their journey with their child was going to be ok". The video will be uploaded to Lakehead District School Board's website January 21, 2021 and linked to our SEAC webpage. Principals have shared that they will use the video at their future school council meetings. Student support professionals and school facilitators were recommended to view the video and its benefits.

All member's questions were addressed.

8.2 SEAC Presentations to School Councils Update

Christine Jones, Executive Secretary, updated the committee with the upcoming Lakehead school council's presentation schedule. Follow-up emails to the schools that needed rescheduling have been sent. Reminder emails to the schools have also been sent, advising that SEAC is available to present at their next school council meeting.

9. Correspondence

Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education, reminded everyone of the correspondence on PAAC SEAC 2020 Survey results.

10. New Business

COVID-19 Update

Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education, provided the committee with a COVID-19 update. Grades 1 to 3 must now wear masks. Virtual learning went extremely well during the shutdown after the winter break and positive feedback was received. Woodcrest Public School received minimal disruption from their most recent case. Secondary schools have moved to the hybrid model, which is face to face as well as virtual. To date, approximately 350 secondary students have chosen virtual learning. This allows secondary students to follow their existing timetables and provides them the opportunity to continue their secondary pathway. Parents are still required to report the student's absence to their school if they cannot attend in person but will attend virtually.

All members' questions were addressed.

11. Information/Inquires & Association Reports

There was nothing to report.

12. SEAC Budget Update

Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education, confirmed there was no change, except for Christmas committee gifts and Parent Involvement Committee funding.

13. Board Update

Trustee Arnone provided an update on the following:

- On January 12, 2021, the Standing Committee Meeting received the Health & Safety semi annual report. Aggression related injuries are no longer in the top three categories. The Board has had very little COVID-19 spread and all online training has been completed.
- Early Learning report was also provided by Eric Fredrickson.
- Kindergarten registration begins virtually on February 1, 2021. Each school will also host their own virtual event.

14. Adjournment

Moved by Wilma Kleynendorst

"THAT we do now adjourn at 6:14 p.m."

LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2021 FEB 17

Jim McCuaig Education Centre Thunder Bay, Ontario VIA Microsoft Teams

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Liz Tod

Michelle Blackburn Angela Hill

Trustee Sue Doughty-Smith

Anne Antenucci

Mike Otway

Miranda Myers

Trustee Marg Arnone

Wilma Kleynendorst

Tracy Paquette

OTHERS PRESENT:

Michelle Probizanski (acting Chair) Christine Jones

Indigenous Student Trustee Essex

ABSENT WITH REGRETS:

Lesley Harding

Ashley Etienne

Carey Murphy

Kelly Matyasovszky

Anne Marie McMahon-Dupuis (System

Student Trustee Talpade
Ruth Ann Fay
Jennifer Bean
Suzanne Posthumus

1. Call to Order

Principal)

Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Election of Special Education Advisory Committee Chair

Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education, will call for nominations at the next meeting.

Election of Special Education Advisory Committee Vice Chair

Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education, will call for nominations at the next meeting.

3. Welcome and Introductions

Superintendent of Education, Michelle Probizanski, welcomed Shannon DeGiacomo-Brown & Rose Bortolon from Confederation College and Megan Tiernan, Lakehead District School Board Mental Health Lead.

4. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Wilma Kleynendorst

Seconded by Liz Tod

"THAT the agenda for the February 17, 2021 SEAC meeting be approved."

CARRIED

5. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

6. <u>Presentations</u>

- 6.1 Shannon DeGiacomo-Brown & Rose Bortolon, Confederation College, presented the committee with their community Integration Through Co-operative Education Program. All member's questions were addressed.
- 6.2 Megan Tiernan, Mental Health Lead presented Lakehead District School Board's Mental Health Strategic Plan. All member's questions were addressed.

7. Approval of the Minutes

Moved by Anne Antenucci

Seconded by Mike Otway

"THAT the minutes of the January 20, 2021 SEAC meeting be approved."

CARRIED

8. Business Arising from the Minutes

8.1 SEAC Video

Update to be provided at our next meeting.

8.2 SEAC Presentations to School Council Update

Christine Jones, Executive Secretary, updated the committee with the upcoming Lakehead District School Board's school council presentation schedule. Michelle Blackburn is scheduled to present at Kingsway School on February 23, 2021.

Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education, will remind administrators to contact Christine Jones if they would like a SEAC presentation.

9. Correspondence

Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education, reminded everyone of the correspondence emailed regarding the Ontario Public School Boards' Association nomination form and website link 2021.

10. New Business

10.1 Lakehead District School Board COVID-19 Update

Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education, provided the committee with a COVID-19 update. The Ministry of Education has announced that asymptomatic testing must take place at schools. The Thunder Bay District Health Unit (TBDHU) will need to test one Lakehead Public School per week, and all testing is voluntary. The Thunder Bay District Health Unit will most likely be sending out a memo regarding additional family members staying home if a member of the household is quarantining for 14days. It is anticipated that an announcement from the province will be forthcoming, tightening up on contacts of contacts. As a result of the on-line learning and pandemic, a research study on Special Education Services has been initiated by the Ministry of Education. Consultants from Ottawa University have interviewed Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education and Anne-Marie McMahon Dupuis, System Principal..

All members' questions were addressed.

11. Information/Inquires & Association Reports

Anne Antenucci, Autism Ontario, Thunder Bay & District, advised the committee that April 16, 2021 is World Autism Day and anyone can register at raisetheflagforautism.com. Information to follow from our local Autism Ontario branch.

Secondary school registration videos are posted on Facebook from Westgate CVI. The committee will look at the possibility of having a raffle for students of SEAC registered.

12. SEAC Budget Update

Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education, provided the committee with an updated February 2021 SEAC budget amount of \$9810. The SEAC video will be coming out of a different budget, not SEAC's.

13. Board Update

Trustee Doughty-Smith provided an update on the following:

- Trustee Recognition Awards were presented on January 26, 2021 to Nancy Gardiman, a Student Support Professional from Kingsway Park Public School and Sharon DeLeon, a music and drama teacher at Hammarskjold High School. Sharon assisted the students in creating an authentic version of "Oh Canada" created in Ojibwa and is now played weekly at their school. The video will be shared at a future meeting.
- The Standing Committee meeting on February 9, 2021, was given an information technology presentation. Topics included the Board's information technology plan and goals. David Pineau, Activities Director, also provided a presentation on the Red Shirt Effect movement. There is a grant that is being

- provided to students with hardship. Red Shirt Effect videos can be found on Instagram and Lakehead District School Board's website.
- The first Budget Committee meeting of 2021-2022 has taken place. Trustee Saarinen was elected chair and Trustee Arnone vice chair.

14. Adjournment

Moved by Wilma Kleynendorst

"THAT we do now adjourn at 7:17p.m."

LAKEHEAD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

2021 MAR 23 Report No. 030-21

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

RE: RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE STANDING COMMITTEE

1. <u>Background</u>

The following reports were received at the Standing Committee Meeting of March 9, 2021 and have been referred to the Board for approval. The recommendations are as follows:

POLICY REVIEW - 3030 PURCHASING (025-21)

It is recommended that Lakehead District School Board approve 3030 Purchasing Policy, Appendix A to Report No. 025-21.

DATE CHANGE OF STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING (026-21)

It is recommended that Lakehead District School Board move the April Standing Committee meeting from April 13, 2021 to April 20, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

TRUDY TUCHENHAGEN Chair Standing Committee

LAKEHEAD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

2021 MAR 23 Report No. 028-21

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

RE: APPOINTMENT TO THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1. <u>Background</u>

- 1.1 According to Reg. 464/97 of the Education Act, the Board must establish a Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC).
- 1.2 Membership on SEAC is determined by the regulation:
 - no more than 12 representatives and alternate representatives of local associations that operate within the area of jurisdiction of the Board;
 - two trustees and two alternate trustees; and
 - one or more additional members who are neither representatives of a local association nor members of the Board or another committee of the Board.
- 1.3 At the Inaugural Board Meeting on December 4, 2018, Lakehead District School Board approved nine representatives from local associations/organizations for membership and four alternates, as well as two community representatives and one alternate representative to the Special Education Advisory Committee for the next four year term.
- 1.4 SEAC is committed to collaborating with community partners by "enhancing communication through the strengthening of community relationships".

2. Situation

- 2.1 Anishnawbe Mushkiki has submitted a replacement nomination for the appointment of Cynthia Gomez as a SEAC representative.
- 2.2 Anishnawbe Mushkiki is a partner with the Lakehead District School Board and is an asset to SEAC.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Lakehead District School Board approve the appointment of Cynthia Gomez as a replacement member to the Special Education Advisory Committee representing Anishnawbe Mushkiki, for the term ending November 30, 2022.

Respectfully submitted.

MICHELLE PROBIZANSKI Superintendent of Education

IAN MACRAE
Director of Education