

Friday, December 7 2018

Chair and Vice Chair Determined at Annual Meeting



Trustee Ellen Chambers has been acclaimed as Chair of the Lakehead District School Board at the Tuesday, December 4 Inaugural Meeting of the Lakehead District School Board. Trustee George Saarinen was acclaimed as Vice Chair of the Lakehead District School Board.

New Trustees Sue Doughty-Smith and Ryan Sitch joined the returning Trustees in taking the oath of office.

Other Board positions determined at the meeting include:

Member of the Coordinating Committee
Trustee Sue Doughty-Smith

Coordinating Committee Alternate
Trustee Trudy Tuchenhagen

During the Annual meeting, the following committees presented their annual reports to the Board:

- Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee
- Special Education Advisory Committee
- Parent Involvement Committee
- Thunder Bay Public Library Board

The 2017-18 Director's Annual Report was also presented to the Board at this evening's Annual Meeting. The report provides an update on the progress and key actions utilized in meeting the goals and objectives of this year's Strategic Plan. The report can be viewed on the Lakehead Public Schools website at:

https://www.lakeheadschoos.ca/docs/Board/Reports/Directors_Annual_Report.pdf

Addressing Gender Violence

On Tuesday, December 4, student leaders from each Lakehead Public Schools elementary and secondary school attended the Engaging Male Students to Reduce and Prevent Gender-Based Violence workshop and training session. The students in Grades 7 to 10 learned skills to help them to be effective leaders on the issue of gender-based violence and to help them to organize events in their schools to commemorate National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women on Thursday, December 6. The day is supported by the White Ribbon Campaign.

"This was an excellent opportunity for our students to receive training on the issue of gender based violence and to take what they learn back to their respective schools," says Jeff Upton, have a number of committed presenters who act as positive, strong role models for the young men and boys as they demonstrate their value of women as equals."

Presentations included:



Human Rights & Human Wrongs
Mahejabeen Ebrahim, Human Rights and Equity Advisor
Lakehead Public Schools

Resolving Anger Issues in Relationships
Jack Cleverdon and Jon Smith, CFDC
Family Development Centre

Gender Issues in the Workplace
Rob Barrett and Wendy Koehler, YES
Employment Services

Kizhaay Anishinaabe Niin - I Am A Kind Man
Marco Pasinelli and Nathaniel Moses,
Indigenous Friendship Centre

Healthy Relationships

Raija Begall and Robyn Daley, Thunder Bay District Health Unit

Messages in the Music

Jeff Upton, Lakehead Public Schools

The White Ribbon Campaign is a global movement of men and boys working to end male violence against women and girls. White Ribbon positively engages men, young men and boys through relevant educational programming that challenges language and behaviours, as well as harmful ideas of manhood that lead to violence against women.

Building Character



On Friday, December 7, students in the Westmount Public School Global Citizen Academy rolled up their sleeves and worked to make the holiday season better for children in our community. The Academy students have been working side by side with Westgate Collegiate and Vocational Institute Technology students as they build wooden toys and refurbish bikes for the Christmas Cheer Fund.

"Our students have been working extremely hard with their older counterparts at Westgate to make the holiday season just a little more special for children in our community," says Lisa Dampier, Westmount Public School Global Citizen Academy Teacher. "We are proud to have this opportunity to contribute to our

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community at this very special time of the year. This partnership with Westgate continues to grow and flourish!”

The Global Citizen Academy students have been working with the Westgate Technology students throughout this term to complete the projects for the Christmas Cheer Fund. Home Depot has generously donated toy kits that will be assembled and detailed by the students as part of this very special holiday project.

The Westmount Public School Global Citizen Academy will also continue their efforts for the holiday season on Monday, December 17 then they join the legions of volunteers at the CLE as they assist the Christmas Cheer Fund to prepare the holiday hampers.

Say Salam- Islamophobia and Bystander Intervention



On Tuesday, December 4, CD Howe Public School students and staff welcomed Aasiyah Khan of the National Council of Canadian Muslims (NCCM) for the presentation Say Salam- Islamophobia and Bystander Intervention.

The workshop explored how Islamophobia may be impacting students on an individual level- and works with students to identify the different ways that a student can intervene when they see something wrong.

Aasiyah Khan has an extensive community development and research background that is grounded in inclusion and anti-oppressive practice principles. She recently completed a research project that captured the narratives of young Muslim women in the GTA with a specific emphasis on Islamophobia and resilience.

Things Happen for a Reason!



After a quick moment of panic following the discovery of a double booking at Port Arthur Arena, a new friendship has evolved. Two Ecole Gron Morgan Public School Grade 1 classes thought that they had the rink booked for skating. As it happened, so did a class of Grade 8’s from Woodcrest Public School.

The Grade 8 class showed their true class as they spent their skating session helping out their new friends from Gron Morgan on the ice. A wonderful opportunity to make new friends! Students from both schools have requested for a return visit!

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Printing Artistic Visions



On Thursday, December 6, Westmount Public School Grade 7/8 Fine Arts Academy students printed their artistic visions as they continue to study printmaking. They have been working closely with local artists, including Brian Holden, through the Community Arts & Heritage Education Project (CAHEP). On December 6th, the students were at the Baggage Building Art Centre to print their plates using an actual printing press to bring their artistic vision to life.

“The Fine Arts Academy students have analyzed various pieces of printmaking art and then planned their own designs,” says Laura Bijzak, Teacher at Westmount Public School. “Over the past few weeks they have been preparing their ideas and plates in preparation for this event.”

Upcoming Meetings

Committee	Date/Time	Location
Standing Committee Meeting	Tuesday, January 8 7:30 p.m.	Board Room, Education Centre 2135 Sills Street
Regular Board Meeting	Tuesday, January 22 7:30 p.m.	Board Room, Education Centre 2135 Sills Street
Parent Involvement Committee	Monday, January 21 6:30 p.m.	Board Room, Education Centre 2135 Sills Street
Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee	Thursday, December 13 9:30 a.m.	Board Room, Education Centre 2135 Sills Street
Special Education Advisory Committee	Wednesday, December 12 6:00 p.m.	Board Room, Education Centre 2135 Sills Street