

LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

Board Room
Jim McCuaig Education Centre

2018 SEPT 10
6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marg Arnone
Robin Cawlishaw
Jennifer Davis
Serena Essex
Donica LeBlanc
Ian MacRae
Susan Marion

Laura Prodanyk
Laura Sylvestre
Fred Van Elburg
Ruth Vannieuwenhuizen
Laura Walker

RESOURCE:

Judy Hill, Executive Assistant
Bruce Nugent, Communications Officer

MEMBERS ABSENT, WITH REGRET:

Nicole Carlson
Lisa Hipwell-Mineau
Krista Power
Trudy Tuchenhagen

GUESTS:

Mark Hakala, Capital Projects Coordinator
Jaimi Plater, Student Trustee

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

Laura Sylvestre, Chair of the Parent Involvement Committee, called the meeting to order and introductions were made around the table.

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 with the following change:

Item 7.1 Renderings of New Elementary Build be received first on the agenda.

4. Renderings of New Elementary Build

Mark Hakala, Capital Projects Coordinator, provided a power point presentation on the new elementary build. Questions from the group were addressed.

5. Director's Report

Director MacRae provided updates on the following:

- highlights of recent reports to the Board;
- funding to host a PIC event;
- information on the new Health & Physical Education curriculum; it was suggested that a letter be sent to the government, on behalf of PIC, in support of retaining the new curriculum; and
- update on the renovations at Westgate C.V.I. and the new elementary build.

Director MacRae also invited members, who are interested in a tour of Westgate C.V.I., to let him know.

6. Confirmation of Minutes – May 7, 2018

The minutes were confirmed by consensus.

7. Armstrong Teacher Recruitment Video

Bruce Nugent, Communications Officer, previewed the video that will be posted on the Board website, Facebook, Lakehead University and other educational institutions, in hopes of attracting new graduates to the area.

8. SEAC Funding Report

Chair Sylvestre referred to the report included in the package. A portion of the funds were used to have a presentation by Dr. Kristen McLeod who specializes in working with children and adolescents who have experienced trauma, abuse and neglect and working with families who care for these children. The committee agreed, by consensus, to approve the carry forward of the remaining 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 funds to create videos that would support students and families.

9. AEAC

Chair Sylvestre referred to the report included in the package. The committee agreed, by consensus, to carry forward the 2017-2018 funding and to extend the time limit for reporting on how funds were spent.

10. People for Education's 22nd Annual Making Connections Conference

Chair Sylvestre advised that funding is available for one member to attend the conference. Judy Hill will survey committee members seeking expressions of interest.

11. Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee Report

Serena Essex advised that the next AEAC meeting would be held on September 20, 2018.

12. Special Education Advisory Committee Report

Chair Sylvestre reported on the following topics from their last meeting:

- video update;
- 2017-2018 final SEAC Work Plan;
- 2018-2019 draft SEAC Work Plan;
- 2017-2018 PIC Funding Report;
- 2018-2019 SEAC draft meeting dates;
- 2018-2019 draft presentation schedule;
- 2018-2019 Newsletter schedule; and
- SEAC representative on PIC.

13. Other Business

Chair Sylvestre suggested that a sub-committee be struck to come up with suggestions for our current funding. Judy Hill will survey committee members seeking expressions of interest.

14. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 1, 2018 in the Board Room of the Jim McCuaig Education Centre.

15. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.