

LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

Board Room
Jim McCuaig Education Centre

2018 NOV 19
6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jennifer Davis
Robert Eady
Chitra Jacob
Shannon Jessiman-MacArthur
Sharon Kanutski
Ian MacRae

Shaun Peirce
Trudy Tuchenhagen
Fred Van Elburg
Ruth Vannieuwenhuizen

RESOURCE:

Judy Hill, Executive Assistant
Bruce Nugent, Communications Officer

MEMBERS ABSENT, WITH REGRET:

Robin Cawlishaw
Krista Power
Laura Prodanyk
Laura Walker

GUEST:

Jaimi Plater, Student Trustee

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

Director MacRae called the meeting to order and welcomed the new members to the Parent Involvement Committee. Introductions were made around the table. Director MacRae conveyed Laura Sylvestre's thanks and gratitude to the committee. Laura resigned as the chair of PIC effective October 26, 2018 and offered to be a resource at any time for the new chair and vice chair.

2. **Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**

There were no disclosures of conflict of interest.

3. Election of Parent Involvement Committee Chair

Director MacRae called for nominations for chair of the Parent Involvement Committee. Trustee Tuchenhausen nominated Robert Eady. Robert will advise the Director's Office on November 20 if he will accept the nomination. Director MacRae called for further nominations. As no further nominations were forthcoming, Director MacRae chaired the remainder of the meeting.

4. Election of Parent Involvement Committee Vice Chair

Director MacRae called for nominations for vice chair of the Parent Involvement Committee. Jennifer Davis self nominated. Director MacRae called for further nominations. As no further nominations were forthcoming, Jennifer Davis was acclaimed as vice chair of the Parent Involvement Committee.

Moved by Robert Eady and Seconded by Shaun Peirce that nominations be closed.
Carried.

5. Director's Report

Director MacRae highlighted the following reports to the Board since the last meeting: Student Achievement, Multi Year Capital Plan, a number of policy reviews and Adult & Continuing Education Report. Director MacRae provided an update on the new elementary build and advised that two new trustees have been elected – Sue Doughty-Smith and Ryan Sitch. A new chair and vice chair of the Board will be elected at the Inaugural Meeting on December 4, 2018.

Director MacRae noted that there is a current balance of \$18,204.98 in the PIC budget.

6. Confirmation of Minutes – October 1, 2018

The minutes were confirmed by consensus.

7. Parent Involvement Committee Representatives on Board Committees

Director MacRae spoke about the need to have a Parent Involvement Committee representative on the Success Advisory Committee and the School Year Calendar Committee. Robert Eady volunteered to be the representative on the Success Advisory Committee and Vice Chair Davis volunteered to be the representative on the School Year Calendar Committee.

8. Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee (AEAC) and Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Funding for 2018-2019

The Parent Involvement Committee agreed, by consensus, to fund AEAC and SEAC \$1,500.00 each for the purpose of parent engagement. Letters will be sent to AEAC and SEAC chairs advising of this decision and requesting a final report by the end of August 2019.

9. Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee (AEAC) Report

Sharon Kanutski, AEAC member, reported on the following from their last meeting:

- Hammar skjold Cultural Academy presentation by Melissa Roberts and Tanya Moses;
- Work Plan;
- input into staff training; and
- parent recruiting strategy.

10. Student Trustee Report

Jaimi Plater, Student Trustee, provided a brief report on what she has been working on. Jaimi has been running a mentorship program for the Elementary Student Senate to help students develop leadership skills. On January 30, 2019, Jaimi will be hosting a Youth Empowerment conference that will involve 60 students from our secondary schools.

11. Other Business

Ruth Vannieuwenhuizen shared her concern regarding the defunding of the Youth Advocacy Office and encouraged everyone to send an email to Premiere Ford or sign a petition.

Bruce Nugent, Communications Officer, provided a brief overview of the 3rd annual Student Technology Innovation Summit that was held on November 16, 2018 at Superior CVI. A total of 170 students from Grades 6, 7 and 8 attended the day long event that included a keynote speaker and breakout sessions with hands-on activities to explore the exciting technology in our schools. Students also attended a Microsoft Core Learning Session where they learned about technologies such as programming, Minecraft, Robotics, Makerspaces and 3D printing.

Vice Chair Davis commented on the student absence system on the Board's website not being user friendly. Some families in rural areas may not have internet connection to allow them to submit absences electronically. Bruce Nugent will follow up with the IT department.

12. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 21, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.