

LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

Board Room
Jim McCuaig Education Centre

2019 MAY 6
6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jennifer Davis
Sue Doughty-Smith
Robert Eady
Chitra Jacob
Sharon Kanutski

Ian MacRae
Michael Otway
Shaun Peirce
Ruth Vannieuwenhuizen
Laura Walker

RESOURCE:

Judy Hill, Executive Assistant
Bruce Nugent, Communications Officer

MEMBERS ABSENT, WITH REGRET:

Robin Cawlishaw
Shannon Jessiman-MacArthur
Krista Power
Laura Prodanyk
Fred Van Elburg

GUESTS:

Colleen Kappel, Superintendent of Education
Mahejabeen Ebrahim, Human Rights and Equity Advisor

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

Director MacRae called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the last meeting of the 2018-2019 school year.

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.

4. Director's Report

Director MacRae highlighted recent reports to the Board that included Semi Annual Student Achievement, School Year Calendar 2019-2020, Policy Reviews on Special Education and Prevalent Medical Conditions, Lakehead University Achievement Program and Special Education Programs and Services. Director MacRae informed the group that confirmation was received from the Ministry on the approval of the 2019-2020 school year calendar. Director MacRae provide an update on the Hammarskjold High School situation.

5. Confirmation of Minutes – March 14, 2019

The minutes were confirmed by consensus.

6. PIC Budget Deputation Feedback

Jenn Davis, Co-Chair, provided an update on PIC's budget deputation to trustees she presented on behalf of PIC on April 2, 2019. Questions from the group were addressed.

7. Human Rights and Equity in Education

Colleen Kappel, Superintendent of Education, introduced Mahejabeen Ebrahim, Human Rights and Equity Advisor, who provided a power point presentation on Human Rights and Equity. Mahejabeen informed the group that the Board is being proactive in bringing human rights and equity to the forefront and that the mental well being of staff and students is of utmost importance. There is a need for human rights and equity due to an increasingly diverse student population and to provide equitable outcomes for students. The Board is accomplishing this through leadership commitment, policies and procedures for fair and consistent processes and talented staff to deliver education and services. Questions from the group were addressed.

8. 2018-2019 PIC Budget Carry Forward

The committee agreed, by consensus, to request the remainder of its 2018-2019 budget on August 31, 2019 be carried forward to the 2019-2020 school year. The committee plans to undertake a project in the Fall.

9. Special Education Advisory Committee Report

Michael Otway, SEAC representative, reported on the following from their April 17, 2019 meeting: review of 2019-2020 budget deputation, parent/community engagement session, advocacy tracking and SEAC video update.

10. Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee Report

Sharon Kanutski, AEAC representative, reported on the following from their April 18, 2019 meeting: presentations on Mine Craft Coding, budget and Lakehead University's Achievement program, Indigenous trustee, Indigenous student trustee and information on the Aboriginal Youth Achievement Recognition Awards that were held on May 1, 2019.

11. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 9, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.