

LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

Microsoft Teams

2021 MAR 01
6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chitra Jacob
Shannon Jessiman-MacArthur
Ian MacRae
Julie Morin

Michael Otway
Trudy Tuchenhagen
Erin Waddington

RESOURCE:

Judy Hill, Executive Assistant

MEMBERS ABSENT, WITH REGRET:

Robin Cawlishaw
Sharon Kanutski
Laura Prodanyk
Fred Van Elburg

GUESTS:

Kirsti Alaksa, Superintendent of Business
Mahejabeen Ebrahim, Human Rights & Equity Advisor
Keira Essex, Indigenous Student Trustee
Simran Talpade, Student Trustee

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

Director MacRae called the meeting to order and welcomed Erin Waddington, new school council representative on PIC, Kirsti Alaksa, Superintendent of Business and Mahejabeen Ebrahim, Human Rights and Equity Advisor.

2. **Land Acknowledgement**

Director MacRae acknowledged the lands and traditional territory.

3. **Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**

There were no disclosures of conflict of interest.

4. **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved by consensus.

5. **Confirmation of Minutes – January 18, 2021**

The minutes were approved by consensus.

6. Business Arising From The Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

7. 2021-2022 Budget Process

Kirsti Alaksa, Superintendent of Business, provided an overview of the budget process. Trustee Saarinen was elected chair of the Budget Committee and Trustee Arnone, vice chair. The budget deputation evening is scheduled for Tuesday, April 6, 2021.

8. 8072 Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity Policy

Mahejabeen Ebrahim, Human Rights & Equity Advisor, presented the policy for input. Additional input can be sent to Sarah Schoales, sarah_schoales@lakeheadschoools.ca, in the director's office, prior to March 24, 2021.

9. PIC Budget Deputation

Members were asked for feedback into this year's PIC budget presentation. Feedback can be emailed to Judy Hill, jhill@lakeheadschoools.ca, prior to March 22, 2021. The deputation will be presented at the budget input session scheduled for Tuesday, April 6, 2021.

10. OPSBA 2021 Awards Program

Individuals may nominate non-teaching staff, volunteers, parents and community partners for their contribution to the overall well-being of the school(s) or community(ies). This information has been shared with school council chairs as well. Completed nomination forms are due to Sarah Schoales in the director's office, sarah_schoales@lakeheadschoools.ca, no later than Friday, March 12, 2021.

11. PIC By-Law Review Ad Hoc Committee

A review of the PIC By-Laws is required prior to September 15, 2021. Director MacRae asked for volunteers to sit on an ad hoc committee to review the current by-laws. Trustee Tuchenhagen volunteered to participate in the process. If anyone else would like to volunteer, please let Judy know as soon as possible. A teams meeting will be set up prior to the end of June.

12. Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee (AEAC) Report

Deferred to the May 3, 2021 meeting.

13. Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report

Michael Otway, SEAC representative, reported on the following from the last SEAC meeting:

- presentation from Shannon DeGiacomo-Brown and Rose Bortolon from Confederation College on the Integration Through Co-operative Education program;
- presentation from Megan Tiernan, Mental Health Lead, on Lakehead District School Board's Mental Health Strategic Plan; and
- World Autism Day April 16, 2021.

14. Director's Report

Director MacRae highlighted reports since the last meeting that included an Information Technology update, School Year Calendar, Alternative School Policy, ratification of Ontario secondary school teachers and occasional teachers, SSPs and the establishment of the 2021-2022 Budget Committee. Director MacRae also provided a brief COVID-19 update.

15. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 3, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. via Microsoft Teams.

16. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.