

LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

Board Room
Jim McCuaig Education Centre

2020 MAR 2
6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Serena Essex
Shannon Jessiman-MacArthur
Ian MacRae
Julie Morin
Michael Otway

Shaun Peirce
Laura Prodanyk
Trudy Tuchenhagen
Laura Walker

RESOURCE:

Judy Hill, Executive Assistant
Bruce Nugent, Communications Officer

MEMBERS ABSENT, WITH REGRET:

Robin Cawlishaw
Chitra Jacob
Fred Van Elburg

GUESTS:

Keira Essex, Indigenous Student Trustee
Sam Peotto, Acting Manager, LAEC
David Wright, Superintendent of Business

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

Director MacRae called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Director MacRae introduced Shaun Peirce as the Chair of the Parent Involvement Committee.

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 changes:

Item 7.1 2020-2021 Budget Process and Item 7.2 Lakehead Adult Education Centre presentation be received first on the agenda.

4. **2020-2021 Budget Process**

David Wright, Superintendent of Business, presented the Guiding Principles for the 2020-2021 budget process. It is hoped to have the GSN's released in April. The Chair of the Budget Committee is Trustee Saarinen.

5. Lakehead Adult Education Centre Presentation

Sam Peotto, Acting Manager of the Lakehead Adult Education Centre, provided a power point presentation of the program offerings at the adult centre. There are currently 2,400 students registered. Two hundred and ten students graduate each year. Questions from the group were addressed.

6. Director's Report

Director MacRae provided updates on recent reports to the Board, school year calendar proposing an August 31, 2020 start date and a labour update. OSSTF is commencing bargaining this week. Operationally, we are being challenged by the coronavirus. Superintendent David Wright and Communications Officer Bruce Nugent are working on a communique for families and staff, once information is provided from the Ministry of Education.

7. Confirmation of Minutes – January 20, 2020

The minutes were approved by consensus.

8. Kindergarten Information Evening Follow-Up

Bruce Nugent, Communications Officer, reported that the Kindergarten information evening held Monday, January 27, 2020 at the Valhalla Inn had an excellent turnout. There were more activities for children attending. Bruce thanked Laura Walker for manning the PIC booth at the event.

9. Transition from Grade 8 to Grade 9 Video Update

Bruce Nugent, Communications Officer, previewed the video. Director MacRae commended Bruce on the production of the video which will be available on the Board website, Facebook and YouTube.

10. PIC/SEAC Event

There was discussion on the possibility of booking either Dr. Mushquash or Dr. Todd Cunningham as guest speakers at the event. It was suggested to have Dr. Tranter do a presentation as well. It is anticipated to hold the event at the end of April or beginning of May.

11. PIC Representative for the Equity and Inclusive Education Committee

Julie Morin agreed to be the representative on the Equity and Inclusive Education Committee.

12. Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee (AEAC) Report

Serena Essex reported on the following from the last AEAC meeting:

- Westmount Public School presentation entitled “Our Journey Forward Toward Reconciliation”;
- 2020-2021 Budget presentation; and
- School Climate survey on bullying.

13. Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report

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

- 2020-2021 Budget presentation;
- Hammarskjold High School Special Needs presentation; and
- Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan.

14. Other Business

Director MacRae advised that the next phase of sanctions are going to be very problematic. Schools may need to be closed due to lack of coverage. The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) will be cancelled. No student will be disadvantaged for not writing the test.

15. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 4, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

16. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.