

LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

Microsoft Teams

2021 MAY 03
6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ellen Chambers	Erin Waddington
Serena Essex	Fred Van Elburg
Shannon Jessiman-MacArthur	
Ian MacRae	
Julie Morin	
Michael Otway	

RESOURCE:

Judy Hill, Executive Assistant

MEMBERS ABSENT, WITH REGRET:

Robin Cawlishaw
Chitra Jacob
Sharon Kanutski
Laura Prodanyk
Trudy Tuchenhagen

GUESTS:

Mahejabeen Ebrahim, Human Rights & Equity Advisor
Keira Essex, Indigenous Student Trustee
Stephanie Rea, Communications Officer
Simran Talpade, Student Trustee

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

Director MacRae called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made around the group.

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 – March 1, 2021

The minutes were approved by consensus.

6. Business Arising from The Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

7. Secondary Schools Promotional Videos

Stephanie Rea, Communications Officer, previewed videos of a virtual tour of the Board's three secondary schools. The videos were produced to encourage Grade 9 registration as prospective students are not able to visit the schools in person.

8. 7021 Teacher Hiring Policy

Mahejabeen Ebrahim, Human Rights & Equity Advisor, presented the policy for input. This is a new policy developed pursuant to Ministry PPM 165. Additional input can be sent to Sarah Schoales, sarah_schoales@lakeheadschoools.ca, in the director's office, prior to May 28, 2021.

9. New Teacher Induction Program Presentation (NTIP)

Fred Van Elburg, Elementary Coordinator, presented an overview of the program that supports the growth and professional development of new teachers for up to two years. NTIP is an excellent process for teachers to receive effective instructional and classroom practices that promote student success. Questions from the group were addressed.

10. 2021-2024 Strategic Plan

Director MacRae addressed the 2021-2024 Strategic Plan that was approved at the Standing Committee Meeting of April 20, 2021 and thanked Chair Chambers for her tireless advocacy for reconciliation which is woven into every aspect of the plan. Chair Chambers, Indigenous Student Trustee Keira Essex, and Student Trustee Simran Talpade, shared their thoughts on the plan.

11. Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee (AEAC) Report

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

- policy reviews;
- budget;
- mental health; and
- plans for PIC funding – working on doing a virtual presentation with an author in June 2021 for students and families to kick off Aboriginal Week.

The next AEAC meeting will be held on Thursday, May 13, 2021.

12. Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report

Deferred to next meeting.

13. Director's Report

Director MacRae highlighted reports since the last meeting that included a number of policy reviews, ratification of Early Childhood Educators and the school year calendar for 2021-2022. The Ministry has asked boards to prepare for three scenarios in September: remote, hybrid and full return to class. On the COVID-19 front, Director MacRae advised that educational workers are being prioritized for vaccination this week.

14. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 13, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. via Microsoft Teams.

15. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.