

LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

Microsoft Teams

2020 NOV 16
6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robin Cawlishaw
Shannon Jessiman-MacArthur
Ian MacRae
Julie Morin
Michael Otway

Trudy Tuchenhagen
Fred Van Elburg
Laura Walker

RESOURCE:

Judy Hill, Executive Assistant
Stephanie Rea, Communications Officer

MEMBERS ABSENT, WITH REGRET:

Chitra Jacob
Sharon Kanutski
Laura Prodanyk

GUESTS:

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 everyone.

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. As no 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. There were no nominations forthcoming. Michael Otway, SEAC representative, expressed interest in the vice chair position in the New Year.

5. Director's Report

Director MacRae reported on the following:

- Student Census video was well done. Indigenous Student Trustee Keira Essex and Student Trustee Simran Talpade did an excellent job.
- Highlight of recent reports to the Board.
- Resignation of David Wright, Superintendent of Business.
- Appointment of Kirsti Alaksa, Superintendent of Business.
- Appointment of Stephanie Rea, Communications Officer.
- Covid-19 update.

Questions from the group were addressed.

6. Confirmation of Minutes – October 5, 2020

The minutes were approved by consensus.

7. PIC Representative on School Year Calendar Committee

Robin Cawlishaw 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 2020-2021

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 2021.

9. Draft PIC 2020-2021 Meeting Schedule

Director MacRae referred to the proposed 2020-2021 meeting schedule included in the package. The meeting schedule was approved by consensus.

10. Indigenous Student Trustee Update

Indigenous Student Trustee Essex provided a brief update on her work:

- participation in Student Census video;
- participation in the Board's Strategic Plan and Stakeholder Group Engagement session;
- working on equity projects; and
- student senates.

11. Student Trustee Update

Student Trustee Talpade provided an update on her work:

- participation in the Fall General Meeting of OSTA-AECO;
- student mentorship and student senate programs;
- participation in the Board's Strategic Plan and Stakeholder Group Engagement session; and
- participation in Student Census video.

12. Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee (AEAC) Report

Deferred to January 18, 2021 meeting.

13. Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report

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

- working on having a community engagement online event with PIC in the Spring of 2021 – potential speakers are Dr. David Tranter, Dr. Mushquash , Dr. T. Cunningham, Jim Lees and Annie Kitters;
- creation of a new SEAC video; and
- asking school councils if they would like a presentation from SEAC.

14. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 18, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

15. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.