

LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

Board Room
Jim McCuaig Education Centre

2019 NOV 18
6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robin Cawlishaw	Julie Morin
Serena Essex	Michael Otway
Chitra Jacob	Laura Prodanyk
Shannon Jessiman-MacArthur	Fred Van Elburg
AJ Keene	Laura Walker
Ian MacRae	

RESOURCE:

Judy Hill, Executive Assistant
Bruce Nugent, Communications Officer

MEMBERS ABSENT, WITH REGRET:

Sue Doughty-Smith
Shaun Peirce

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

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

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.

5. Director's Report

Director MacRae highlighted the following reports to the Board since the last meeting: Linking Families and Schools, policy updates, Policy Development – Service Animals in Schools, Summer Learning Programs K-12, Adult and Continuing Education Report and the 2019-2020 Director's Action Plan. Fred Van Elburg provided a brief overview of the Student Achievement report. Director MacRae provided an update on the current labour situation. Elementary teachers will be on work to rule commencing November 22, 2019. Secondary teachers voted 95% in favour of strike action across the province.

Director MacRae noted that there is a current balance of \$21,646 in the PIC budget.

6. Confirmation of Minutes – September 9, 2019

The minutes were confirmed by consensus.

7. People for Education's 22nd Annual Making Connections Conference

Laura Prodanyk provided a brief report and power point presentation on her attendance at the conference. Judy will send a copy of the presentation to members. Laura thanked the committee for the opportunity to attend the conference.

8. PRO Grants 2019-2010

Director MacRae shared information on the PRO Grants for 2019-2020. The Board has received a total allocation of \$7,000 for parent engagement projects.

9. Draft Parent Involvement Committee Annual Report to the Board

Copies of the draft Parent Involvement Committee Annual Report were provided to the members for their feedback. The report will be presented to the Board at its annual meeting in December.

10. Summer Programs

AJ Keene, Early Years and Program Principal, provided an overview of the summer programs that were held for three weeks this past July in five elementary schools – Claude E. Garton Public School, Algonquin Avenue Public School, Ogden Community Public School, St. James Public School and Sherbrooke Public School. Over 200 students attended 11 camps that focused on numeracy and literacy. There was an Indigenous Youth Leadership Camp for students entering Grades 8-10 held at Fort William Historical Park for one week in August. Students entering Grade 9 were given the opportunity to obtain a Grade 9 General Learning Strategies credit. There was also a six week summer cooperative education project, The Focus on Youth Project, that provided students with secondary credits and paid employment where they were responsible for growing, harvesting and marketing food. The Summer Centre for Learning and Student Success (C.L.A.S.S.) Program was held at Confederation College that provided opportunities for students to recover unsuccessful Grades 9-12 secondary courses as well as opportunities for students to earn one of four dual credit courses. Questions from the group were addressed.

11. Parent Involvement Committee Representatives on Board Committees

Director MacRae spoke about the need to have a Parent Involvement Committee representative on the Success Advisory Committee and the School Year Calendar Committee. Julie Morin volunteered to be the representative on the Success Advisory Committee and Robin Cawlishaw volunteered to be the representative on the School Year Calendar Committee.

12. Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee (AEAC) and Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Funding for 2019-2020

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 2020.

13. Draft PIC 2019-2020 Meeting Schedule

Director MacRae referred to the proposed 2019-2020 meeting schedule included in the package. The meeting schedule was approved by consensus.

14. Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee (AEAC) Report

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

- presentation from Erin Aylward, Principal of Ecole Gron Morgan Public School on "Our Journey as a Legacy School: A Path through Reconciliation";
- presentation from Mike Parkill of SayITFirst Inc., on the Ojibwe Language Strategy he is piloting with the Rainy River District School Board;
- Indigenous student trustee update; and
- Indigenous trustee update.

15. Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report

Deferred to the January meeting.

16. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 20, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

17. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.