

LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

Microsoft Teams

2020 OCT 05
6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robin Cawlishaw
Chitra Jacob
Ian MacRae
Julie Morin
Michael Otway

Laura Prodanyk
Trudy Tuchenhagen
Fred Van Elburg
Laura Walker

RESOURCE:

Judy Hill, Executive Assistant

MEMBERS ABSENT, WITH REGRET:

Serena Essex
Shannon Jessiman-MacArthur
Shaun Peirce

GUESTS:

Mahejabeen Ebrahim, Human Rights & Equity Advisor
Eric Fredrickson, Principal of Program and Early Years
Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education
Simran Talpade, Student Trustee
Amanda Stefanile, Achievement Program Coordinator, Lakehead University

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. **Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was approved by consensus.

4. **Lakehead University Achievement Program**

Amanda Stefanile, Achievement Program Coordinator for Lakehead University, shared a power point presentation on the achievement program which is a partnership between Lakehead Public Schools and Lakehead University. The program encourages students to believe in their highest potential and support their journey into postsecondary education. There were 163 students enrolled and 153 active participants from Grades 4-12. The first three students graduated last year. Questions from the group were addressed.

5. Policy 1020 Equity and Inclusive Education

Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education, presented the policy for input. Input is due to the Director's Office by October 21, 2020 to sarah_schoales@lakeheadschoool.ca.

6. Policy 7030 Harassment and Human Rights

Mahejabeen Ebrahim, Human Rights and Equity Advisor, presented the policy for input. Input is due to the Director's Office by October 21, 2020 to sarah_schoales@lakeheadschoool.ca.

7. Summer Programs

Eric Fredrickson, Principal of Program and Early Years, provided a power point presentation highlighting the following summer programs that occurred:

- Grade 8 First Nation, Métis, Inuit (FNMI) Reach Ahead Credit;
- Focus on Youth Project;
- Summer Centre for Learning and Student Success (C.L.A.S.S.); and
- Whitesand First Nation Project.

Funding was provided this year to target students with special education needs to support these students in Summer Learning programs. Laura Walker, parent member, shared her experience as her son attended one of the programs. Laura was very pleased with the program. Questions from the group were addressed.

8. Appointments to the 2020-2021 Parent Involvement Committee

The committee agreed, by consensus, to recommend the following appointments to the Parent Involvement Committee:

- Julie Morin, parent member (two years);
- Laura Walker, alternate parent representative (one year);
- Robin Cawlishaw, community representative (one year);and
- Laura Prodanyk, community representative (one year).

Also recommended for appointment are:

- Sharon Kanutski, Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee representative;
- Serena Essex, Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee alternate representative;
- Michael Otway, Special Education Advisory Committee representative;
- Shannon Jessiman-MacArthur, principal representative;
- Eric Fredrickson, alternate principal representative;
- Fred Van Elburg, teacher representative; and
- Kathleen Andrews, alternate teacher representative.

Appointments will be recommended at the October 13, 2020 Standing Committee meeting for confirmation by the Board on October 27, 2020.

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. Confirmation of Minutes – September 14, 2020

The minutes were approved by consensus.

11. Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report

Deferred to November 16, 2020 meeting.

12. Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee (AEAC) Report

Deferred to November 16, 2020 meeting.

13. Director's Report

Director MacRae highlighted the student and Indigenous student trustee reports to the Board as well as Trustee Character awards given to Jessica Lauzon, Indigenous Achievement Tutor and Milt Martyn, Head Custodian, for their outstanding contributions to our students and schools. Director MacRae also thanked all those involved working tirelessly for Lakehead Public Schools students.

14. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 16, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

15. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.