

LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**MINUTES OF PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE**

Microsoft Teams

2021 SEP 13  
6:30 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ellen Chambers  
Serena Essex  
Eric Fredrickson  
Chitra Jacob  
Ian MacRae  
Julie Morin

Laura Prodanyk  
Erin Waddington  
Fred Van Elburg

**RESOURCE:**

Judy Hill, Executive Assistant

**MEMBERS ABSENT, WITH REGRET:**

Robin Cawlishaw  
Shannon Jessiman-MacArthur  
Sharon Kanutski  
Michael Otway  
Trudy Tuchenhagen

**GUESTS:**

Mahejabeen Ebrahim, Human Rights & Equity Advisor  
Mehar Mago, Student Trustee  
Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education

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. **Disclosures 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 – May 3, 2021

The minutes were approved by consensus.

6. Business Arising from The Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

7. Equity Plan

Superintendent Probizanski introduced Mahejabeen Ebrahim, Human Rights and Equity Advisor, who provided a power point presentation on the Board's Equity Plan that is being developed for input. Questions from the group were addressed. Further input can be sent to Mahejabeen at [Mahejabeen\\_ebrahim@lakeheadschoools.ca](mailto:Mahejabeen_ebrahim@lakeheadschoools.ca).

8. Student Census

Mahejabeen Ebrahim, Human Rights and Equity Advisor, provided a power point presentation on the upcoming student census for input. This census is a voluntary student identity survey. A successful pilot was conducted in 2020. The survey will take place mid to late October 2021. Questions from the group were addressed. Further input can be sent to Mahejabeen at [Mahejabeen\\_ebrahim@lakeheadschoools.ca](mailto:Mahejabeen_ebrahim@lakeheadschoools.ca).

9. SEAC Funding Report

Director MacRae referred to the report included in the package. The committee agreed, by consensus, to approve the carry forward of the remaining \$393.52 of 2020-2021 funding. SEAC held three online speaker/workshops featuring Todd Cunningham on January 13, 2021, Jim Lees on January 20, 2021, and Chris Mushquash on January 27, 2021.

10. AEAC Funding report

Director MacRae referred to the report included in the package. The Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee hosted a live virtual event for families on the evening of June 2, 2021 with Métis author David Bouchard. The committee purchased 80 copies of Mr. Bouchard's book entitled "Meet Your Family" and provided a copy to each family that attended, and each elementary school received a copy for their school libraries. Director MacRae agreed to provide additional funding to AEAC of \$372.96 to cover the cost of the event.

11. PIC By-Laws

Director MacRae presented the proposed changes as were noted in the document. By consensus, the changes were approved as highlighted.

12. PIC Recruitment

Director MacRae reminded members whose term expires on November 14, 2021 to reapply if interested in being on the committee for another term. Judy will let individuals know whose terms expire.

13. 2021-2024 Strategic Plan

Director MacRae advised that the Strategic Plan was done in consultation with stakeholders and facilitated by Niigaan Sinclair and Sheelagh Hendrick. Chair Chambers was the driving force behind the plan and reconciliation was the focal point of the plan. Members were asked to review the document and a more in-depth look at the plan will be done at the next meeting.

14. Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee Report

Deferred to October 4, 2021 meeting.

15. Special Education Advisory Committee Report

Deferred to October 4, 2021 meeting.

16. Director's Report

Director MacRae highlighted reports to the Board since the last meeting which included English Language Learners, Aboriginal Education, French as a Second Language, Student Success, Human Rights, Equity and Inclusive Education, Health & Safety Semi-Annual report, Ratification of COPE agreement, and policy reviews on Accessibility Standards for Customer Service, Conflict of Interest and Teacher Hiring.

Director MacRae commended the Thunder Bay District Health Unit for all their support during the vaccine initiatives to keep students in school as long as we can. The Board has a vaccine attestation practice in place.

17. Other Business

There was no other business.

18. Next Meeting Date

Monday, October 4, 2021.

19. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.