

LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

Microsoft Teams

2021 OCT 04
6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

Michael Otway
Laura Prodanyk
Trudy Tuchenhagen

RESOURCE:

Judy Hill, Executive Assistant

MEMBERS ABSENT, WITH REGRET:

Shannon Jessiman-MacArthur
Sharon Kanutski
Fred Van Elburg
Erin Waddington

GUESTS:

Mehar Mago, Student Trustee
Nick Sacevich, Student Success Lead/MISA Board Lead

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 – September 13, 2021

The minutes were approved by consensus.

6. Summer Programs

Eric Fredrickson, Principal of Program and Early Years, provided an update on the elementary summer programs. One hundred and forty elementary students and 30 French Immersion students participated. There was a Grades 1-8 pilot program to support French Immersion students. All programs ran virtually supported by 20 teachers as well as SSPs. The focus was on literacy, numeracy and experiential learning opportunities.

Nick Sacevich, Student Success Lead/MISA Board Lead, provided an update on the secondary summer programs. The FNMI Grade 8 Reach Ahead credit was offered, and 46 incoming Grade 9 students earned a secondary school credit. FNMI students had the opportunity to earn a Grade 10 Careers and Civics credit. Sixteen students successfully earned the credit—six Grade 9 students, nine Grade 10 students and one senior student. In partnership with Lakehead Adult Education Centre, Whitesand First Nation secondary students were offered a program giving them the opportunity to earn co-op credits while working with an in-community partner. Fifteen students participated and 30 credits were granted.

Laura Prodanyk and Serena Essex expressed their gratitude for the opportunities given the students.

7. Appointments to the 2021-2022 Parent Involvement Committee

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

- Chitra Jacob, parent member (2 years);
- Carla Mulholland, alternate parent member (one year);
- Robin Cawlishaw, community representative (one year); and
- Laura Prodanyk, community representative (one year).

Also recommended for appointment are:

- Kristy Boucher, Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee representative;
- Michael Otway, Special Education Advisory Committee representative;
- Shannon Jessiman-MacArthur, principal representative;
- Eric Fredrickson, alternate principal representative;
- Fred Van Elburg, teacher representative; and
- Connor Pratt, alternate teacher representative.

8. Draft Parent Involvement Committee Annual Report to the Board

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

9. Special Education Advisory Committee Report

Deferred to November 15, 2021 meeting.

10. Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee (AEAC) Report

Serena Essex provided the following update from the September 16, 2021 AEAC meeting:

- presentation on the Summer Learning Programs;
- review of the Aboriginal Education board report;
- September 30, 2021 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation activities;
- Student Census presentation;
- Equity Plan feedback;
- Indigenous Student Trustee update; and
- Native Language supports and resources.

The next AEAC meeting will be held on November 4, 2021.

11. Business Arising from The Minutes

2021-2024 Strategic Plan

Director MacRae provided a brief overview of the intent of the Strategic Plan and introduced Chair Chambers who provided an in-depth overview of the plan. Chair Chambers acknowledged the guidance of Niigaan Sinclair and Sheelagh Hendrick who led the group of staff, trustees and stakeholders in the development of the plan. Chair Chambers extended her gratitude to the three Student Trustees, Sierra Gaudreau, Simran Talpade and Indigenous Student Trustee Keira Essex who were an integral part of the Strategic Plan. Chair Chambers also extended a thank you to all of the staff who contributed. Updates will be provided at future meetings.

12. Director's Report

Director MacRae highlighted reports to the Board since the last meeting which included a report on Supervised Alternative Learning, Safe Schools and Student Achievement. Director MacRae reported on his attendance at the Commemorative Tree Planting Initiative at Vickers Park on September 30, 2021, in recognition of Truth and Reconciliation Day as well as attending the ceremony at Pope John Paul II Elementary School.

13. Other Business

There was no other business.

14. Next Meeting Date

Monday, November 15, 2021.

15. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.