

LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

Microsoft Teams

2021 NOV 15
6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kristy Boucher
Robin Cawlishaw
Ellen Chambers
Chitra Jacob
Shannon Jessiman-MacArthur
Ian MacRae
Julie Morin

Carla Mulholland
Laura Prodanyk
Trudy Tuchenhagen
Fred Van Elburg

RESOURCE:

Judy Hill, Executive Assistant

MEMBERS ABSENT, WITH REGRET:

Michael Otway

GUESTS:

Jesslynn Friday, Indigenous Student Trustee
Mehar Mago, Student Trustee

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

Director MacRae called the meeting to order and welcomed Kristy Boucher, the Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee representative on the Parent Involvement Committee, Carla Mulholland, Alternate Parent member and Jesslynn Friday, Indigenous Student Trustee.

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. **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.

5. 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.

6. Confirmation of Minutes – October 4, 2021

The minutes were approved by consensus.

7. PIC Representative on School Year Calendar Committee

Robin Cawlishaw volunteered to be the PIC representative on the School Year Calendar Committee.

8. Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee (AEAC) and Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Funding for 2021-2022

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 2022.

9. Draft PIC 2021-2022 Meeting Schedule

Director MacRae referred to the proposed 2021-2022 meeting schedule included in the package. The meeting schedule was approved by consensus.

10. Student Trustee Update

Student Trustee Mago provided the following update on her work:

- met with Trustee Saarinen regarding the Secondary Student Senate;
- met with Indigenous Student Trustee Friday to go over any questions she had and to strategize moving forward;
- attendance virtually at the OPSBA Northern Board Conference on October 16 and 17, 2021; and
- participation asynchronously in a number of activities of the Ontario Student Trustees' Association (OSTA-AECO) on November 5 and 6, 2021.

11. Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee Report (AEAC)

Kristy Boucher, AEAC representative, provided the following update from the November 4, 2021 AEAC meeting:

- Treaty Week and FNMI resources for teachers to access to assist student learning about treaties and their importance;
- AEAC Work Plan;
- COVID-19 update;
- Indigenous student trustee update; and
- Native language supports and resources.

12. Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

Report deferred to the next meeting.

13. Director's Report

Director MacRae reported on the following:

- reports to the Board on Adult & Continuing Education, Multi Year Capital Plan, Ratification of Elementary Occasional Teachers' Contract and policy reviews on Advertising and Transportation;
- opening co-curricular activities to indoor spectators – two individuals per student, 50% capacity and proof of vaccination;
- looking forward to vaccination of 5-to-11-year-old students; and
- potential of going back to full semester in the new year.

Chair Chambers inquired as to whether or not the Parent Involvement Committee and/or school councils could assist in any way with the vaccine clinics for the 5-to-11-year-old students. Robin Cawlishaw inquired if there could be an education component for parents in their decision making of whether to vaccinate their child. Laura Prodanyk will share the above with the Health Unit. There was an inquiry if the schools will be holding vaccine clinics for this age group. Laura Prodanyk has since clarified that at this time, COVID-19 vaccine clinics for these students will not be held in schools. More information about the clinics will be communicated by the Health Unit once it is finalized.

Director MacRae wished everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

14. Other Business

There was no other business.

15. Next Meeting

Monday, January 17, 2022.

16. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.