

LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

Microsoft Teams

2022 JAN 17
6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marg Arnone
Robin Cawlishaw
Ellen Chambers
Chitra Jacob
Shannon Jessiman-MacArthur
Ian MacRae

Laura Prodanyk
Fred Van Elburg

RESOURCE:

Judy Hill, Executive Assistant

MEMBERS ABSENT, WITH REGRET:

Kristy Boucher
Julie Morin
Michael Otway

GUESTS:

Jesslynn Friday, Indigenous Student Trustee
Mehar Mago, Student Trustee
Megan Semeniuk, Mental Health Lead

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

Director MacRae called the meeting to order and welcomed Trustee Marg Arnone as the trustee representative and Trustee Ellen Chambers as the alternate trustee representative on the committee for the 2021-2022 term. Director MacRae also welcomed Megan Semeniuk, Mental Health Lead for Lakehead Public Schools.

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 – November 15, 2021

The minutes were approved by consensus.

6. Mental Health Update

Megan Semeniuk, Mental Health Lead, provided a power point presentation on:

- initiatives she is working on;
- dissemination of school mental health Ontario resources;
- Board wide training;
- community partnerships; and
- social work services.

Director MacRae thanked Megan for her very informative presentation.

7. Student Trustee Update

Indigenous Student Trustee Friday provided the following update on her work:

- focus during her term will be to establish an Indigenous Student Senate and to give Indigenous students an opportunity for leadership;
- students will be given volunteer hours for participating in the Student Senate;
- working on an Indigenous Student Well-Being survey for Indigenous students in Grades 7-12; and
- attendance at an AEAC and PIC meeting, as well as attendance at the OPSBA Northern Regional Council Meeting on November 6, 2021.

8. 2022-2023 School Year Calendar

Robin Cawlishaw, the Parent Involvement Committee representative on the School Year Calendar Committee, provided drafts of the elementary and secondary school year calendars for 2022-2023. Feedback was provided from the group.

9. Student Census Update

Director MacRae provided an update on the student census that will be taking place in February 2022. The census is voluntary and confidential. All schools will participate with the exception of Woodcrest Elementary Public School and Superior CVI who participated in the pilot project last year. Judy will send the link to everyone to view the video and information. Any questions can be directed to Mahejabeen Ebrahim, Human Rights and Equity Advisor, Mahejabeen_ebrahim@lakeheadschoools.ca.

10. Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee Report (AEAC)

Report deferred to the next meeting

11. Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

Report deferred to the next meeting.

12. Director's Report

Director MacRae reported on the following:

- At the Annual Meeting, Ellen Chambers and Trudy Tuchenhagen were re-elected to their respective positions, chair and vice chair of the Board.
- Reports to the Board included the Director's Annual Report, Health & Safety Semi Annual Report, Lakehead Public Schools International and The Arts.
- COVID-19 update – first day of in-person learning has gone as well as expected. The provincial government has gone to extreme lengths to assure parents that protocols have been put in place to keep students safe.

13. Other Business

There was no other business.

14. Next Meeting

Monday, March 7, 2022.

15. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.