

LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

Microsoft Teams

2022 MAY 02
6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

Julie Morin
Laura Prodanyk
Fred Van Elburg

RESOURCE:

Judy Hill, Executive Assistant

MEMBERS ABSENT, WITH REGRET:

Kristy Boucher
Carla Mulholland
Michael Otway

GUESTS:

Kirsti Alaksa, Superintendent of Business
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 everyone.

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 – March 7, 2022**

The minutes were approved by consensus.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

7. 8001 Code of Conduct Policy

Kirsti Alaksa, Superintendent of Business, presented the policy for feedback. Questions from the group were addressed.

8. Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee Report

Report deferred to next meeting.

9. Special Education Advisory Committee Report

Report deferred to next meeting.

10. Director's Report

Director MacRae reported on the following:

- Reports to the Board included policy reviews on 7020 Equitable Employment, 8066 Safe Arrival, 3001 Governance and 3060 Leasing of Space, New Teacher Induction Program and Student Achievement;
- COVID-19 update – it has been a struggle to keep classes going during this latest wave of COVID-19. There have been a significant number of absences that need to be covered every day. The Board has a supply of rapid antigen tests for families who may need them;
- Fred Van Elburg provided a brief update on the New Teacher Induction Program and the Student Achievement report. It has been a challenge because of COVID-19. The primary/junior assessment for EQAO will be online. Grades 3 and 6 will use laptops. There are a number of tutors in place to help struggling students across the elementary/secondary panels; and
- Julie Morin provided a brief overview of her report on Plant-Based Food Options for Schools.

Director MacRae thanked Laura Prodanyk and her colleagues at the Thunder Bay District Health Unit for all their support during this pandemic.

Director MacRae thanked everyone for their support and patience over the years.

11. Other Business

Laura Prodanyk thanked Director MacRae for his passion and dedication to Lakehead Public Schools.

12. Next Meeting Date

Monday, September 12, 2022.

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.