

LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

Microsoft Teams

2022 SEPT 12
6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marg Arnone
Chitra Jacob
Shannon Jessiman
Sherry-Lynne Pharand
Fred Van Elburg

RESOURCE:

Judy Hill, Executive Assistant

MEMBERS ABSENT, WITH REGRET:

Kristy Boucher
Robin Cawlishaw
Michael Otway
Laura Prodanyk

GUESTS:

Mehar Mago, Student Trustee
Anne-Marie McMahon-Dupuis

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

Director Pharand called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Introductions were made around the table.

2. **Land Acknowledgement**

Director Pharand 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 2, 2022**

The minutes were approved by consensus.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

7. Anti-Sex Trafficking Protocol

Anne-Marie McMahon-Dupuis presented the protocol for feedback. Policy Program Memorandum 166 Keeping Students Safe: Policy Framework for School Board Anti-Sex Trafficking sets a strong foundation for this protocol. The Ministry has mandated that boards have a protocol in place. The protocol will be posted on the Board's website and a plan to raise awareness of sex trafficking among students, parents, guardians, and caregivers will be developed and implemented. Questions from the group were addressed. Further feedback can be provided to Judy.

8. Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Funding Report

Due to COVID-19, SEAC requested that funds be carried forward. The group agreed by consensus.

9. Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee (AEAC) Funding Report

The Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee hosted four virtual Family Anishnaabemowin Language Nights in the month of April. Invitations were shared through schools and on Lakehead Public Schools social media platforms. Forty families registered and were mailed a copy of the Pocket Ojibwe for Kids and Families dictionaries. On average, there were 20 people participating each week.

This was a great way to bring Indigenous and non-Indigenous families together from across the system to learn and share in Anishnaabemowin.

10. Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Recruitment

Committee members were reminded to reapply by September 30, 2022 if interested in being on the committee again. The following suggestions were given to encourage membership on the committee:

- relay the message through schools to their school councils;
- advertise through social media;
- Seesaw in elementary and EDSBY in secondary;
- raise awareness of what PIC does; and
- advertise in the Key.

11. Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee Report

Report deferred to next meeting.

12. Special Education Advisory Committee Report

Report deferred to next meeting.

13. Director's Report

Director Pharand expressed how thrilled she was to be back working at LPS and looking forward to working on the Strategic Plan.

Director Pharand reported on the following:

Reports to the Board included policy reviews on 8091 Use of Volunteers in Schools, 3093 Electronic Information, 3096 Information/Community Technology Use, 3001 Governance, 8092 Policy Development – Code of Conduct, , 8071 Bullying Prevention and Intervention Update, English Language Learners, 2022-2023 Operational Plan, Aboriginal Education, Safe and Accepting Schools Committee Update, Mental Health Report, 2022-2023 Budget, Student Success – Technology Education, French as a Second Language, Health and Safety Semi Annual Report, Equity and Inclusive Education, and Student Trustee/Indigenous Student Trustee Reports.

COVID-19 Update – Health Unit - occupancy rate in ICU needs to stay low – otherwise masking will be needed. Regular flu viruses will be more prevalent this year. Advised to stay home if any sickness. A new vaccine is coming out. The Health Unit is getting back to regular vaccinations and returning to regular programming in our schools.

Collective bargaining – all contracts expire August 31, 2022. Two-tiered bargaining – province needs to compete first before local bargaining.

Upcoming trustee election – list of candidates is posted. Cannot endorse a candidate.

In-person meetings – the group were in agreement with in-person meetings commencing with the October 3, 2022 meeting. It was suggested that over the winter months perhaps meetings could be held virtually.

14. Other Business

There was no other business.

15. Next Meeting Date

Monday, October 3, 2022.

16. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.