

LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

Board Room
Jim McCuaig Education Centre

2023 MAY 1
6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robin Cawlishaw	George Saarinen (virtual)
Ellen Chambers	Jena Samakese
Tara Ingram	Fred Van Elburg
Shannon Jessiman (virtual)	
Sherri-Lynne Pharand	
Laura Prodanyk	
MorningStar Tom	

RESOURCE:

Judy Hill, Executive Assistant
Stephanie Rea, Communications Officer

MEMBERS ABSENT, WITH REGRET:

Chitra Jacob
Rae-Ann Rees

GUESTS:

Anne Marie McMahon Dupuis, System Principal
Collin Graham

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

Director Pharand called the meeting to order and welcomed Anne Marie McMahon Dupuis, System Principal, Collin Graham and MorningStar Tom, the new AEAC representative on the Parent Involvement Committee.

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 the Agenda**

The agenda was approved by consensus.

5. Confirmation of Minutes – March 6, 2023

The minutes were approved by consensus.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

7. Local Perspective – Human Trafficking

Anne Marie McMahon-Dupuis, System Principal, introduced Collin Graham who provided a power point presentation on human trafficking. Those at risk include youth, (girls as young as 10 and 11 years of age), marginalized individuals, Indigenous peoples, and newcomers. Human trafficking is organized, or gang facilitated, substance dependency driven and economically driven. Human trafficking is a culture. Journey to Safer Spaces is a program offered by The Ontario Native Women's Association. Information is available at onwa.ca. Questions from the group were addressed. Director Pharand thanked Mr. Graham for his very informative presentation and his gift of story.

8. Parent Involvement Committee By-Law Renewal

Robin Cawlishaw and MorningStar Tom volunteered to be on the committee to renew the By-Laws. Judy will set up the meeting.

9. Parent Involvement Committee Wellness Symposium

Fred Van Elburg provided an overview of the PIC Wellness Symposium that was held on April 19, 2023 in the Westgate cafeteria.

10. Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee (AEAC) Report

MorningStar Tom, AEAC representative, reported that AEAC are planning a celebration on June 6, 2023, and AEAC is working on a name change for the committee.

11. Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report

Deferred to next meeting.

12. Director's Report

Director Pharand reported on the following:

Reports to the Board included:

- Semi-Annual Student Achievement;
- Special Education – Empower Presentation;
- New Teacher Induction Program;
- Student Success;
- The Arts; and
- Policy Review – Safe Schools System Expectation.

Director Pharand shared information on the following upcoming events:

- Mental Health Week;
- Hearing Awareness Month;
- Occupational Health & Safety Week;
- Child & Youth Worker Week;
- Science Fair;
- Wrestling Tournament; and
- SSP Trustee Character Award.

Director Pharand thanked the group for their commitment and time to the committee.

13. Other Business

There was no other business.

14. Next Meeting Date

Monday, September 11, 2023.

15. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.