

LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

Board Room
Jim McCuaig Education Centre

2023 SEP 11
6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ellen Chambers
Tara Ingram
Shannon Jessiman (virtual)
Sherry-Lynne Pharand
Laura Prodanyk

George Saarinen (virtual)
Jena Samakese
Fred Van Elburg

RESOURCE:

Judy Hill, Executive Assistant
Stephanie Rea, Communications Officer

MEMBERS ABSENT, WITH REGRET:

Robin Cawlishaw
Rae-Ann Rees
Morning Star Tom

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

Director Pharand called the meeting to order and 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 the Agenda**

There were no additions to the agenda.

5. **Confirmation of Minutes – May 1, 2023**

Deferred to next meeting due to lack of quorum.

6. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising.

7. Parent Engagement Meeting Summary

Director Pharand referred to the Ministry of Education's meeting summary included in the agenda.

8. Parent Involvement Committee By-Law Renewal

Deferred to next meeting due to lack of quorum.

9. PIC Recruitment

Director Pharand reminded members that if their term is up, they need to reapply by Monday, September 25, 2023.

10. Miiniwewinan: Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Funding Report

The Miiniwewinan Indigenous Education Advisory Committee hosted an evening for families to come and celebrate Indigenous students' success in our schools. There was a feast and a round dance. Student artwork was displayed and students showcased what they have learned on the big drum by singing an opening and closing song. The event was captured by Patrick Chondon Photography. Video can be viewed at:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/r9slelqfalotbu7/Indigenous%20Education%20Evening%20Celebration%20-%20HD%201080p.mov?dl=0>

11. Special Education Advisory Committee Funding Report

The Special Education Advisory Committee requested to bring funds forward to this year. The group agreed by consensus.

12. Miiniwewinan: Indigenous Education Advisor Committee Report

Deferred to next meeting.

13. Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report

Tara Ingram, SEAC representative, reported on the following from the last SEAC meeting:

- meeting was held at Algonquin Public School;
- 2022-2023 Work Plan review;
- 2023-2024 meeting schedule;
- Spec. Ed. Plan review completed and sent out; and
- need for more SSPs in schools.

14. Director's Report

Director Pharand reported on the following:

Policy Reviews on:

- Student Concussion Management;
- Voluntary Indigenous Student Self Identification;
- Privacy and Information Management; and
- Information/Communication Technology.

Regular reports to the Board included:

- Ratification of COPE Agreement;
- Mental Health;
- Special Education Review;
- Indigenous Education;
- Renaming of AEAC;
- Leadership Strategy;
- French as a Second Language Campaign;
- 2023-2024 Budget;
- Equity and Inclusive Education;
- English Language Learners; and
- 2021-2024 Strategic Plan.

Director Pharand shared information on the Board's annual golf tournament hosted at Whitewater Golf Course. The tournament has been renamed the Bruce Nugent Memorial Golf Tournament. One hundred and fifty-six golfers participated and over \$30,000 was raised to benefit students. Director Pharand thanked the committee headed by Dave Pineau for all their work.

The last week of September is Rowan's Law Day.

Mental Health Webinar – Fred Van Elburg will share results with Laura Prodanyk.

15. Other Business

Trustee Saarinen commended staff who were responsible for posting activities that staff participated in on the PA Day mandated by Bill 98.

Discussion ensued on hosting a PIC event in the spring. This would be a virtual session. Suggest having Karl Subban as the keynote speaker. Further update will be provided at the next meeting.

The October 2, 2023 meeting will be cancelled.

16. Next Meeting Date

Monday, November 20, 2023.

17. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.