

LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**MINUTES OF PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE**

Board Room  
Jim McCuaig Education Centre

2024 MAR 04  
6:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Robin Cawlishaw  
Ellen Chambers  
Dawn-Marie Francis  
Shannon Jessiman  
Lorraine Mashongoane  
Sherri-Lynne Pharand  
Laura Prodanyk  
George Saarinen

Chelsea Siver  
Fred Van Elburg

**RESOURCE:**

Judy Hill, Executive Assistant

**MEMBERS ABSENT, WITH REGRET:**

Ahmed Bediwy  
Tara Ingram  
Jena Samakese  
Morning Star Tom

**GUESTS:**

Roger DrCAR, Student Success Resource Teacher  
Stephanie Ryynanen, Supervisor of Finance

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

Chair Siver called the meeting to order and welcomed new members. Introductions were made around the table.

2. **Land Acknowledgement**

Chair Siver 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 – November 20, 2023

The minutes of November 20, 2023 were approved by consensus.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

7. 2024-2025 Budget

Stephanie Ryyanen, Supervisor of Finance, presented a power point presentation on the 2024-2025 budget process. Indigenous Trustee, Scottie Wernigwans is the chair of Budget and Trustee George Saarinen is vice chair.

8. Skilled Trades Presentation

Roger Drcar, Student Success Resource Teacher, OYAP/SHSM/SCWI, provided a very informative power point presentation on the trades. There is gainful employment in the trades due to massive retirements. The average apprenticeship lasts 2-5 years with 90% of the training on the job while being paid. There are 144 apprenticeable skilled trades in 4 sectors – construction, motive power, industrial and service. Questions from the group were addressed.

9. Parent Involvement Committee Budget Deputation

The group discussed what PIC's top priorities are to enhance student success. Judy will do the report and send to the committee for approval. The report will be presented by the PIC chair at the Budget Deputation Evening on April 16, 2024. It was also suggested that STSTB be asked to explore grants for "walking school bus".

10. Parent Involvement Committee Representative on the Equity and Inclusive Education Committee

Lorraine Mashongoane volunteered to be the PIC representative on this committee.

11. Ontario Public School Boards' Association 2024 Awards Program

Information was shared on the awards program. Members were asked to reach out to their school councils for recommendations for nominations.

12. Miiniwewinan: Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Report

Report deferred to next meeting.

13. Special Education Advisory Committee Report

Report deferred to next meeting.

14. Director's Report

Director Pharand shared a list of the reports to the Board since the last meeting. The choir from Nor'wester View Public School performed at a Board meeting prior to the Arts report being presented. The Kindergarten Registration evening was well attended. This year's event was a drop in format and the Board is pleased with our early registration. The 2024-2025 school year calendar was approved by the Board and are waiting on final approval from the Ministry. Director Pharand shared details of early dismissal of all students on April 8, 2024 due to the eclipse.

15. Other Business

The Special Education Advisory Committee wanted to let members know that the "Bullying" button has now been added to the Board's main web page.

16. Next Meeting

Monday, May 6, 2024.

17. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.