

LAMBTON KENT DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

ILC MEETING

Wednesday October 21, 2020 @ 6:30 p.m. Via Teams Meeting

Present:	Lareina Rising, LKDSB Trustee; Jane Bryce, Chair LKDSB; Steve Styers, Kettle and Stony Point First Nation; Jolene Whiteye, Eelünaapéewi Lahkéewiit; Dr. Cathy Martin, Bkejwanong First Nation; Vicki Ware, Aamjiwnaang First Nation; Sarah Hopkins-Herr, Eelünaapéewi Lahkéewiit; Kari Aubertin, Principal; Mike Adam, Vice Principal; Mary Lou Falla, Vice Principal; Carrielyn Smith, Principal; Chris Mitchell, Vice Principal; Colleen Anderson, Principal; Rod Kilmer, Vice Principal; Derek Stenton, Principal; Shelley Martsch-Litt, Principal; Jennifer Goodall, Principal; Melissa Mallett, Principal; Emily Dixon, Principal; Tracy Ronsick, Heather Vander Pol, Paul Wiersma, Jim Morton, Karyn Byatt Millington, Colleen Anderson, Minogiizhgad, , Rachel Pickering, Todd Wood, Vice Principal
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Resource Staff:	Helen Lane, LKDSB Superintendent of Education; Bonnie Gotelaer, Recorder
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Regrets:	
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Agenda Item	Details/Discussion	Action Items
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Welcome and Introductions	- Lareina Rising asked welcomed everyone - Carrielyn Smith read the Traditional Territorial Agreement	
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Adoption of Agenda	- The Agenda reviewed and adopted.	
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Record of Action, June 17, 2020 and September 23, 2020	-The minutes from June 17, 2020 previously accepted at September 23, 2020 meeting were referenced to be reviewed and the minutes of September 23, 2020 were reviewed and adopted.	
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Reports from First Nation Communities	<p><u>Kettle & Stony Point First Nation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Steve Styers noted the difficulties with connectivity for the students working from home - Steve Styers discussed the deer cull outdoor education activity being planned with adherence to the pandemic guidelines and stated the cull included the teachings of production of gloves, moccasins and drum skins - Steve Styers indicated some Hillside students have taken part in a land based component to start the school where they have the advantage of property including a bush with a creek with activities that include science and physical education while incorporating as much language as possible <p><u>Eelünaapéewi Lahkéewiit</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jolene Whiteye noted some students have been waitlisted to go back to school as parents change their children to the face-to-face model and noted an additional bus has been added for transportation - Jolene indicated a meeting was held with Director John Howitt, Superintendent Helen Lane, Eelünaapéewi Lahkéewiit Chief Denise Stonefish and Jolene Whiteye discussing the Education Services Agreement (ESA) - The Eelünaapéewi Lahkéewiit Kindergarten remains closed and hoping for the possibility to re-open - Language resources have been coordinated and will be printed for the community <p><u>Aamjiwnaang First Nation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vicki Ware indicated the school year is going well with the students participating in outdoor learning centres as opposed to traditional regular school programming - Vicki noted education committee is considering options including creating a four season classroom and noted the need for sensory, resource and speech therapy support - Vicki Ware indicated there is a new council and new education committee and is delegating some duties to the committee for support 	
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<p>Trustee: Lareina Rising</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trustee Rising noted that Director Howitt has provided regular updates on school start up and has posted Snapshots of Excellence on the LKDSB website and noted Director Howitt fielded questions regarding funding for school start up at a previous board meeting - Trustee Rising noted school start-up appears to have gone well - Chair Bryce stated LKDSB is in the process of selecting a new Trustee and noted if interested, the Board meetings are available to be listened to as posted on the website 	
<p>Minogiizhgdad</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minogiizhgdad thanked administrators for their reports sent electronically a) -Minogiizhgdad noted the 2020-2021 Board Action Plan template has not been received and noted school boards in Ontario unable to complete all items were given opportunity to address areas needing to be fulfilled -Minogiizhgdad noted the virtual Symposium is underway b) -Minogiizhgdad noted confirmation is needed regarding ILC meeting nights indicating there are different scenarios to reflect the uncertainty of the school year while using a virtual model at the present time - The consensus after discussion will be a meeting on the third Wednesday of each month beginning at 6:00 p.m. - First Nation representatives will inform of any conflicts in scheduling c) -Voluntary Self Identification Draft discussed noting feedback would be appreciated to produce a package for the school administrators and reception areas - Superintendent Lane noted once put together and with support of LKDSB Executive, school administrators and secretaries would receive training and guidance on the importance of self-identification and the appropriate manner in the approach of this noting ideally the best training time would be prior to Kindergarten registration to allow the opportunity to have the new form as part of the package and available in the schools - Jolene Whiteye indicated the difficulty in getting information on the amount of self-identified in each school - Superintendent Lane noted within the Aspen software, there have been improvements where it can identify data supporting the number of self-identified students which could be brought to the ILC -Trustee Rising indicated the check boxes on the document should be moved and a definition should be provided as clarification to eliminate problems that may come from misinterpretation citing an example where a First Nation person may mistakenly identify the Metis area - Minogiizhgdad noted the document would be revised and brought back to the Committee d) -Minogiizhgdad referred to the ILC Draft Terms of Reference noting some wording changes had been completed with discussion and proposed changes regarding community and trustee representation, membership and meeting schedules, order of the agenda, updating terminology, addition of terminology where some flexibility may be needed - Superintendent Helen Lane noted the original draft was done several years ago and would need these updates reflected in the document and will review with Minogiizhgdad and bring back to the Committee -Trustee Rising noted the retreat to be working sessions focused on the Education Service Agreement (ESA) and transparency of the Board - It was noted other boards started to have committees as an FNMI committee noting currently we are a First Nations committee and noted the Metis community and the Friendship Centre could have an invitation extended which would then become an FNMI committee - Minogiizhgdad indicated a meeting would need to be held to have dialogue regarding this and the proposed change in the format of the meeting regarding membership and attendees 	

	<p>e) -Minogiizhgd discussed Treaties Recognition Week to be held November 2-6, 2020 with the focus moving “to the land”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minogiizhgd noted schools will have resources and information packages coming from the Indigenous Education Special Projects teachers - Minogiizhgd noted there has been support for the Aboriginal Teacher Education Program (ATEP) and looking to have recruitment for this program beginning ASAP. 	
Reports from Administrators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Administrators provided their reports electronically and verbally gave descriptions of school events - Paul Wiersma indicated the shifting of students between learning models will occur after the deadline of October 22, 2020 for parents to indicate preference 	
Superintendent: Helen Lane	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Superintendent Helen Lane discussed the LKDSB Flag Policy noting the procedures used for raising flags indicating the need for change as a result of flags flown in June supporting LGBTQ in that a second flag pole is needed at schools having only one which is intended for the Canadian flag - Superintendent Lane indicated having a second flag pole would provide an opportunity to display flags for different events and display Indigenous flags alongside the Canadian flag - Superintendent Lane noted the LGBTQ flags were displayed outside to be viewed due to school closures as opposed to years prior where some schools displayed indoors - Superintendent Lane noted displaying Indigenous flags could be taken to the Board - Trustee Rising asked First Nations representatives to indicate to Superintendent Lane and Minogiizhgd if First Nations education committees support this initiative - Superintendent Lane noted that Bonnie Gotelaer will be working with the Director of Education and introduced Kim Laird who will be the Administrative Assistant for Indigenous Education 	
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Superintendent Lane thanked everyone for their patience with the technology issues and indicated that we are improving in that area - Trustee Rising noted the Board’s Strategic Plan and how nice it is to hear all the good work around Orange Shirt Day and looks forward to reports - Trustee Rising noted the current events reported in the media that may require support for staff and students and noted the need to be actively anti-racist indicating there is a lot of good work to ahead and appreciation for all who are doing their part 	
Adjournment	- Adjournment at 8:34 pm	

NEXT ILC MEETING: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m. via Teams