

LAMBTON KENT DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

ILC MEETING

Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at Hillside School, Kettle & Stony Point

Present:	Lareina Rising, LKDSB Trustee; Zandra Bear-Lowen, Kettle & Stony Point First Nation; Jane Bryce, LKDSB Trustee; Mark Houghton, Principal; Everett Kicknosway, Walpole Island First Nation; Dr. Mark Aquash, Walpole Island First Nation; Superintendent; Mary Whiteye, Delaware First Nation; Brent Stonefish, Delaware First Nation; Rhonda Leystra, Principal; Lisa McDonald, Principal; Carole Scott, Principal	
Regrets:	Heather McFarland, Vice Principal; Elsa Natvik, Principal; Paul Wiersma, Principal; Mary Anne Patterson, Principal; Jim Stewart, Principal	
Resource Staff:	Helen Lane, LKDSB Superintendent of Education; Bonnie Gotelaer, Recorder	
Agenda Item		Action Items
Welcome and Introductions	Trustee Lareina Rising welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Kettle and Stony Point -Committee member introductions were completed	
Adoption of Agenda	-The Agenda was adopted	
Record of Action for September 27, 2018	-September Record of Action to be reviewed by members	
Reports from First Nation Communities	<p><u>Delaware First Nation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -We are in transition again just recently lost our education manager and we do not have a director of operations -Strategic planning meeting the first week of December-going to continue without the Education Manager -Although grateful to have the Immersion program the Language being taught in the school is not being taught to its fullest potential -Hired 2 new people Coordinator of Language and Culture and Language teacher -Trying to model what Delaware has with the school -Delaware people feel we are using our own resources and people because of the union and loopholes -Some parents are expressing their concern about what they feel is best for the community when the school board is not hiring language teachers -Delaware First Nation will receive a large fund and they can do what they like as opposed to using the funding the school board has with its policies and procedures -Helen asked how the Immersion program is going. Brent said it is going very well and Kristin Jacobs is very excited about the program <p><u>Kettle & Stony Point</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trauma Informed Schools Program held regarding Jordan's Principal in the summer -The staff were able to take what they learned and how it relates to them and then can make that connection with their students -Looking to offer a land-based program by Actua that will offer credits to secondary students -Offering networking sessions for support workers-time to share best practices and a time to share since they don't get to share with each other <p><u>Walpole Island First Nation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Board of Education has formed a Task Force for the Immersion program and are now looking at planned sessions -Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Children's Centre and planning the celebrations for November 16th - Focus will be on the language -Quarterly meetings with the Chief and Council-there is a surplus of buildings and lands 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -One reason they developed a task force to be strategic by getting input from the community -When they started the language at WDSS the Elders wanted it to be taught at the schools but because of logistics it wasn't doable but now with technology it is possible to run the program on Walpole Island and have the high school students there -Talked about creating choices as opposed to just trying to change things which is giving greater opportunities for growth - Early Start is going well now. Once the initial shock of going every day all day has worn off everyone adjusted 	
Trustee: Lareina Rising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Acknowledged there will be some Trustee changes due to the municipal election and that a new First Nation Trustee will be selected by the end of November by the four First Nations -At the last LKDSB Board meeting the Board was looking at a recommendation from SEAC to have a representative from the First Nation communities - Suggested to ask Chiefs and Education Managers for a candidate for SEAC -Memorandum of Understanding draft has been created and there are still some items to be worked on and the communities -The nature of the MoU deals with the relationship of the Board with the communities -It was noted that there have been a great deal of changes and perhaps the visions of the communities are not being met -Trustee Jane Bryce spoke to the political changes and stated that sometimes how things change can be out of the Board's control and that the mandate from the Ministry is broader -Clarification asked by Helen regarding the focus on Indigenous Education and issues and concerns from the four First Nations-should there be a separate committee formed? 	
Indigenous Lead: Minogiizhgdad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Stated that it sounds like we have an opportunity for working groups and the only way we will get things to proceed is to sit down together -Board Action Plan Final Report will be complete once signed -Orange Shirt days-over 700 responses from elementary and over 100 from secondary and will bring the data to next meeting -Teachers are preparing Treaties Recognition Week, November 5-9 -Dean Jacobs, David White and David Plain and Derek Snake have been asked to contribute -At the latest Principals gathering there was an opportunity to share Cultural Appropriation -It was felt that it went well and perhaps to keep continuing to share and reach a wider audience -The 7 Grandfather Teachings is something that is an example to ensure appropriation is not occurring -There has been movement with the language teachers within the board and on the October 26th PD day an invitation has been offered to the language teachers in the community to help ensure the Language is consistent as it progresses 	
Superintendent: Helen Lane	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Progress in working through issues and acknowledged appreciation for Zandra's help -Appreciative of everyone's input and the work done by Indigenous Educators in schools - Everyone's efforts in adapting to the changes in Language teachers was acknowledged with appreciation 	

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<p>Reports from School Administrators</p>	<p>-School reports were sent to the committee for review</p> <p>-Lisa McDonald reported that Treaty Day will be in a carousel format</p> <p>-Rhonda Leystra reported that Patty Whiteye shared a story to build the foundation for Orange Shirt Day and that the focus was on the community that was ultimately left with no children. She also reported that teaching staff took time to talk to the students answering questions they may have had. For Treaties Recognition Week, there are activities the students are involved in.</p> <p>- Mark Houghton reported that a drum has been donated to the school and that drumming has become a regular part of the Ojibwe classroom as well as beginning school assemblies. Mark also reported that Mrs. George has been following the 7 Grandfather teachings. Mark reported that the work on the mural in the hallway is continuing and is planning on designating a portion of the Learning Commons to Indigenous Learning. Also, Mark reported that Lansdowne regularly has a Friendship group come in to help with things such as Orange Shirt day</p> <p>-Emily Dixon expressed she is new to the board and has had some conversations with staff about what their comfort level is and what knowledge they have and is working on assessing what the school needs to focus on.</p> <p>-Carole Scott reported that staff are starting to get resources together and make community connections. Carole also stated that Orange Shirt Day had a tremendous impact on the students with Geraldine Robertson speaking to the school and at the end of the assembly her school experienced a very meaningful moment with all students forming a circle having discussions. Carole reported that she is planning to have a connection in the First Nation in the Remembrance Day Ceremony.</p>	
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm</p>	

NEXT ILC MEETING: NOVEMBER 26, 2018 – BKEJWANONG KINOMAAGEWGAMIG SCHOOL LIBRARY, WALPOLE ISLAND