

LAMBTON KENT DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

ILC MEETING

Wednesday, October 25, 2023 @ 12:00 p.m. at Eelünaapéewi Lahkéewiit

Present:	Roberta Northmore , Trustee LKDSB; Jane Bryce , Trustee LKDSB; Vicki Ware , Aamjiwnaang First Nation; Jolene Whiteye , Eelünaapéewi Lahkéewiit; Jarvis Nahdee , Bkejwanong First Nation; Jenna Southen , Kettle and Stony Point	
Resource Staff:	Emily Dixon , LKDSB Superintendent of Education; Kim Laird , Recorder	
Regrets:	Dallas Sinopole , Indigenous Lead; Malinda Little , Trustee LKDSB	
Agenda Item	Details/Discussion	Action Items
Welcome and Introductions	Trustee Northmore welcomed everyone - Trustee Northmore read a Traditional Territorial Agreement	
Adoption of Agenda	-The agenda was reviewed and adopted	
Record of Action, September 20, 2023	-The minutes from September 20, 2023, were reviewed and Trustee Bryce indicated that both her name and Trustee Malinda Little’s name should be reported as sending their regrets.	Kim will amend the ROA for the September 20 meeting.
Reports from First Nation Communities	<p><u>Vicki Ware, Aamjiwnaang First Nation</u> - Education Coordinator Vicki Ware reported that the school staff started off the year with curriculum training. A Community wide Truth & Reconciliation day with Orange Shirt Day was well attended. A student engagement specialist and academic advisor will work together to support each other without duplicating services. The draft Services Agreement did go to Council, but it was tabled as there are questions about the special education section of the report therefore it will be put back on the council agenda and will be discussed at a future meeting. There are now 44 students in the community school.</p> <p><u>Jolene Whiteye, Eelünaapéewi Lahkéewiit</u> - Education Manager Jolene Whiteye reported that she met with the new Indigenous Graduation Coach who has begun working with students at Ridgetown District High School. Council will be asked if a K-12 Education Committee could be formed to discuss new initiatives. It is reported that the community is in the process of hiring a student advocate worker that support schools that Eelünaapéewi Lahkéewiit students attend. Checking IEP’s to ensure they are being followed. A secondary student is in need of a tutor who can help with Math and English. The community is working on obtaining a quote from Laings Bus Line for a special needs bus as the current bus company doesn’t have a bus to service the community. It was reported that the community held an event for Truth & Reconciliation Day with a walk which was well attended.</p> <p><u>Jarvis Nahdee, Bkejwanong First Nation</u> - Director of Lifelong Learning Jarvis Nahdee reported that the new school year is off to a great start. School enrolment is up and as such we have 300+ students in grades K-8. Orange Shirt day was commemorated with a walk to the monument and an additional holiday with Reconciliation Day at the school. The community is planning Remembrance Day celebrations in November.</p>	

	<p><u>Jenna Southen, Kettle and Stony Point</u></p> <p>- Director of Education Jenna Southen reported that the year has kicked off with a great start. The Orange Shirt Day and Truth & Reconciliation Day had to be postponed due to a death in the community. It is reported that Hillside currently has an enrolment of 102 students. The principal has resigned so the search is on for a new principal as well as an Indigenous Lead. There is also a Student Advocate Position available at Alexander Mackenzie Secondary School. There is the hope that through the hiring process we can obtain a full complement of staff.</p>	
Trustee: Roberta Northmore	<p>- Updates – Trustee Roberta Northmore reported that the Ministry announced a 5 million \$ grant for the Student Nutrition Program which includes First Nations Nutrition Program delivered by the First Nation Leads process. Ministry Bill 98 part of organization plans will be presented at the next Board meeting which the Ministry has made a list of priorities. Achievement of Learning outcomes in core academic areas. Preparation of student success and student well-being – adding human rights in human and financial resources. The EQAO results were presented at last night’s board meeting. Roberta printed and provided each member present at the meeting and Roberta stated that she will forward Vicki the results. Trustee Northmore went over the results with the group. Trustee Jane Bryce indicated that the OSSLT math results will count towards 10% of the final mark for Gr. 9 students. Trustee Northmore handed out the school design template from the Ministry – of which there are only 8 designs to choose from. Trustee Northmore requested that the First Nation Representatives take template to your Chiefs and Council as First Nations won’t have any input for the design of future new schools.</p>	
Indigenous Lead Dallas Sinopole	<p>- Indigenous Lead Dallas Sinopole reported that he has set up monthly meetings with other Leads within the Southwest region to discuss best practices and share resources. The Board Action Plan is moving along with the initiatives stated earlier in the year and the final report will be worked on over the next few weeks. Once the final report is finished, the four First Nations representatives will be consulted to go over the document in detail. The Indigenous Education Team has been meeting monthly to discuss how Indigenous education is used within schools as well as plan and collaborate on events system wide. The team is working on a plan for a community sharing student symposium for late May/early June 2024. A project is in the works at Lambton Kent Composite School which includes building garden beds for Indigenous plants and medicines. This will support community families and Elders with medicines, salves, and essential oils. This project will consult with community knowledge keepers and ensure appropriate Indigenous knowledge is shared.</p>	-
Superintendent Emily Dixon	<p>- Superintendent Dixon reported that the Indigenous Education Team as well as a team from Sir John Moore is heading to The Indspire Conference which begins on November 14th. It is reported that the final BAP report will be submitted most likely in January to the Ministry, and in the meantime an interim report will be submitted. Superintendent Dixon stated that she has completed the first round of school visits. Administrators were provided with a template to complete which includes the Indigenous Education goal and the need to update monthly on how they are completing these goals. These administrative reports are housed on the portal and Kim will continue to share the link on each month’s Record of Action. Please click here to read the school reports. Indigenous Director Jenna Southen noted that the Indigenous students at Northern Collegiate would like an Indigenous space and resources for support.</p>	- Jenna to send the email she received to Emily regarding funding for an Indigenous room at LCCVI
Other/New Business	<p>- Superintendent Dixon reported that November 20th is the proposed date to hold the first ITEP graduation ceremony for the first nine graduates of the program. It was noted that most of the graduates have been hired within the First Nation Communities. Queens is not providing a monetary amount to cover the graduation costs. There was</p>	

	<p>a discussion as to whether the Community representatives were open to using BAP funds to cover the graduation costs. Vicki Ware offered to host the event in-kind at the Aamjiwnaang Community Centre. Jenna Southen suggested that Emily reaches out to the South Secretariats Office and inquire to see if there are funds to help cover future ITEP graduation costs. Superintendent Dixon suggested this year's event would require a Maximum of \$2,000 noting that each grad could invite 5 guests, and the ceremony would include light refreshments and drumming. Superintendent Dixon stated that she will start the conversation now with Queens asking for possible funds for next year's graduation because it's an important event to recognize. Jenna suggested reaching out to post-secondary contacts from each First Nation that will have student graduating that is from their community and also to consider inviting Chiefs/representatives to acknowledge their community graduates. Letters could also be sent out to each community representative requesting funding for next year's ceremony. Katie Colameco is the LKDSB Mental Health Lead and sent an email to Superintendent Dixon from a group called Community Resolution Table. The Communities were asked if they would like to be made aware of students from their Community who need support. Each First Nation Community representative in Lambton County would then deem who best would be able to support the student. Superintendent Dixon will invite Katie Colameco to our next meeting so the opportunity is there to ask questions. Trustee Northmore asked if each Indigenous Grad Coach could complete a report and Superintendent Dixon stated that that we will look at an efficient way to complete a report perhaps starting with an attendance report of Indigenous students as a start. Emily has asked Dallas to check in with each of the Indigenous Grad Coaches as Dallas is their direct supervisor and then he can he provide a summary of the graduation coach's work.</p>	<p>- Emily to invite Katie Colameco to the November 23 meeting</p>
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Adjournment	- Adjournment at 2:32 pm	
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NEXT ILC MEETING: November 23, 2023, 12:00 pm at Aamjiwnaang First Nation