

LAMBTON KENT DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

ILC MEETING

Wednesday, February 21, 2024 @ 12:00 p.m., Sarnia Education Centre

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| Present: | Roberta Northmore , Trustee LKDSB; Jolene Whiteye , Eelūnaapéewi Lahkéewiit; Dallas Sinopole , Indigenous Lead; Jarvis Nahdee , Bkejwanong First Nation; Jane Bryce , Trustee LKDSB; Dave Shortt , Trustee LKDSB | |
| Resource Staff: | Emily Dixon , LKDSB Superintendent of Education; Kim Laird , Recorder | |
| Regrets: | Kelley Robertson , Trustee LKDSB, Kylie Bressette , Kettle and Stony Point; Vicki Ware , Aamjiwnaang First Nation | |
| 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, January 17, 2024 | -The minutes from January 17, 2024, were reviewed and adopted | |
| Reports from First Nation Communities | <p><u>Jolene Whiteye, Eelūnaapéewi Lahkéewiit</u> - Education Manager Jolene Whiteye reported that a Secondary Student Support Worker has been hired and will be working in Chatham Kent Secondary School, Ridgetown District High School and John McGregor Secondary School. The Math tutoring is progressing well and there is a reading buddy program beginning next week. Brett Stonefish has been hired as a Language Coordinator on a three-month contract.</p> <p><u>Jarvis Nahdee, Bkejwanong First Nation</u> - Director of Lifelong Learning Jarvis Nahdee reported that two initiatives have been approved in collaboration with the student body. The initiatives include creating a fish hatchery and a Sugar Shack which will be included in the curriculum.</p> | |
| Trustee: Roberta Northmore | <p>- Trustee Roberta Northmore reported that there are still students with immunizations that are not up to date. As of March 5th, any students that haven't submitted their information will be suspended until the student's records are updated. The Math Achievement program reported that the grade nine students who wrote the EQAO test received a 7% increase in score compared to last year. The board budget is still experiencing funding challenges particularly in the transportation sector. There is a proposed re-opening of a dormant landfill site in Dresden and the Board is looking to submit a motion on this subject. Virtual learning is once again an option for the 2024-2025 school year. Applications must be received by February 28th in order for students to transfer from in-person learning to virtual or vice versa. Students who choose virtual learning in grades 9 and 10 are synchronous and students in grades 11 & 12 are asynchronous. Elementary students who apply for virtual learning are looked at on a case-by-case basis and the board looks for a specific need for example a medical need, mental health need etc. as in-person learning is the ideal situation.</p> | |

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| Indigenous Lead Dallas Sinopole | - Indigenous Lead Dallas Sinopole reported that he attended a meeting with Eelūnaapéewi Lahkéewiit Council and presented the Education Perfect Program. Dallas requested that Roberta and Jarvis reach out to the First Nation Education Committee as he has offered to attend a meeting to discuss the Education Perfect program. The cost of this language program will be covered by the Board Action Plan. The 2022-2023 BAP has now been finalized and Dallas is collecting the required signatures for approval at which time the final report will be sent to the Ministry of Education. An email will be sent to the First Nation Representatives to discuss the 2024-2025 BAP initiatives. | Dallas to send an email to the First Nation Representatives regarding a meeting to share information on the 2024-2025 BAP initiatives |
| Superintendent Emily Dixon | - Superintendent Dixon reported that the Board is looking to hire a Secondary Support Worker that would be connected to Northern Collegiate Institute and Vocational School, Alexander Mackenzie Secondary School and Aamjiwnaang First Nation Community. There have been Black Student Voice and 2SL Student Voice Advisory Committees established in both Lambton and Kent counties. An invitation has been sent out to all Board staff to join an Indigenous Staff Advisory Committee. The first meeting will be held on March 20 th at 4:30 pm in the Wallaceburg District Secondary School Library. A discussion was held regarding Chartwell cafeteria cards for First Nation students. Trustee Northmore reported that she is currently working with Kettle and Stony Point and Chartwells and will keep Superintendent Dixon informed of the progress. | Superintendent Dixon will find out if Wallaceburg District Secondary School uses Chartwell cards and if Eelūnaapéewi Lahkéewiit; students can obtain Chartwell cards |
| Other/New Business | | |
| Administrative School Reports | These reports are housed on the LKDSB portal. Please click here to read the reports Administrative School Reports | |
| Adjournment | - Adjournment at 2:25 pm | |

NEXT ILC MEETING: April 17, 2024 at 12:00 pm

Location: Bkejwanong First Nation