

LAMBTON KENT DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

ILC MEETING

Wednesday, January 17, 2023 @ 12:00 p.m., Bkejwanong First Nation

Present:	Roberta Northmore , Trustee LKDSB; Vicki Ware , Aamjiwnaang First Nation; Jolene Whiteye , Eelünaapéewi Lahkéewiit; Jenna Southen , Kettle and Stony Point; Dallas Sinopole , Indigenous Lead; Jarvis Nahdee , Bkejwanong First Nation; Jane Bryce , Trustee LKDSB; Kyla Stonefish , Eelünaapéewi Lahkéewiit;	
Resource Staff:	Emily Dixon , LKDSB Superintendent of Education; Kim Laird , Recorder	
Regrets:	Kelley Robertson , Trustee LKDSB	
Agenda Item	Details/Discussion	Action Items
Welcome and Introductions	Trustee Northmore welcomed everyone - Dallas read a Traditional Territorial Agreement	
Adoption of Agenda	-The agenda was reviewed and adopted - Emily wishes to schedule a budget meeting	
Record of Action, November 23, 2023	-The minutes from November 23, 2023, were reviewed and adopted	
Reports from First Nation Communities	<p><u>Vicki Ware, Aamjiwnaang First Nation</u> - Education Coordinator Vicki Ware reported that the school's expansion up to grade three is going well. The teachers are involved in curriculum training for Literacy and Math. Storytelling sessions with students throughout the month of February will take place inside The Learning Lodge. Joel, an Aamjiwnaang employee is taking care of the Learning Lodge bookings.</p> <p><u>Jolene Whiteye, Eelünaapéewi Lahkéewiit</u> - Education Manager Jolene Whiteye reported that there was one applicant for the Secondary Student Success Worker. There will also be a position posted for a Post-Secondary Coordinator. Tutors were needed and quite a few community members offered to help out and have created a math night weekly for elementary and secondary students. A flyer was posted yesterday for a reading buddy program which would also provide high school students with the required volunteer hours. There is a Breakfast Program run by the Social Services office where everyone is welcome and lunches are also supplied. Chartwell gift cards were purchased for students at John McGregor Secondary School and Chatham Kent Secondary School. Families in the community were given grocery store gift cards in January to help offset grocery costs.</p> <p><u>Jenna Southen, Kettle and Stony Point</u> - Director of Education Jenna Southen reported that Bob Bressette was hired as the Principal effective yesterday. Three Resource Teachers are rolling a program out targeting specifics within Literacy and STEM. Conversations were had with Lambton Kent District School Board administrators who are concerned with attendance trends and credit attainment. The community is looking to re-establish a Circle of Nations to help in these areas. The hope is to obtain an advocate at North Lambton Secondary School and an Indigenous Lead in the Kettle and Stony Point First Nation to help in these areas.</p>	

	Jarvis Nahdee, Bkejwanong First Nation - Director of Lifelong Learning Jarvis Nahdee reported that the school held wonderful Christmas celebrations. Christmas trees were decorated and donated to the school and then raffled off to members of the community.	
Trustee: Roberta Northmore	- Trustee Roberta Northmore reported that the Math Achievement Action Plan is for students in grades three, six and nine. There was a presentation on enrolment projections and the largest growth area is in Lambton Shores. The Math Achievement team shared a presentation and noted that some good progress has been made with the students.	
Indigenous Lead Dallas Sinopole	- Indigenous Lead Dallas Sinopole reported that discussion is sought to move forward with a Language Initiative. Since May 2023 meetings have been held with Education Perfect which specializes in language revitalization. The Nations can use Education Perfect on their own or the board can partner with each Nation to create a language platform. The plan is to create an advisory committee with fluent speakers, Elders and Knowledge Keepers. The cost for this program is approximately \$ 150,000 each year for three years and this discussion will continue at the February ILC meeting	- Education Perfect discussion to continue at the February ILC meeting.
Superintendent Emily Dixon	- Superintendent Dixon reported that a BAP finance meeting will be held in the Spring with more details to follow. Superintendent Dixon shared the 2024-2025 draft school year calendar. As a follow up to November's ILC meeting, Superintendent Dixon shared that she spoke with Associate Director Brian McKay regarding the ability to pre-load Chartwell cafeteria gift cards weekly for students. Associate Director McKay is going to consult with his team and will speak to the vendor to troubleshoot this issue.	
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 2:08 pm	

NEXT ILC MEETING: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 12:00 pm
Bluewater Room, Sarnia Education Centre, 200 Wellington Street, Sarnia