

**LAMBTON KENT DISTRICT SCHOOL
BOARD**

PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

**May 16, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.
via Teams**

Present:

John Howitt - Director of Education	Malinda Little – Trustee
Ashlee Brown - Lambton Public Health	Melissa Hewitt - Queen Elizabeth II Petrolia P.S./L.C.C.V.I.
Nicholas Sitter – Bosanquet P.S. / N.L.S.S.	Angie Baresich - Brooke Central P.S.
Karen Genoway – Errol Village P.S.	Alexandra Smith – G.L S.S.
Melinda Hazen - High Park P.S.	Stephanie Dries – Indian Creek Road P.S.
Jacqueline Dick - John McGregor S.S.	Sandra Ross – N.C.I.V.S.
Jennifer Whiteye - Naahii Ridge P.S.	Kaylin Pretty – Chatham Kent Public Health
Karen Slater - Sir John Moore P.S.,	

Regrets: Jack Fletcher – Trustee; Marian McEwan – Chatham-Kent Public Health; Tracey Machan – N.C. I.V.S.; Glenda Johnston – Queen Elizabeth II P.S. – Chatham; Jessica Wood – Riverview Central P.S. / W.D.S.S.; Nicole Hopper - Thamesville Area P.S.

Guests – Superintendent McKay and Superintendent Hazzard

Welcome and Introductions – PIC Co-Chair Melinda Hazen called meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and welcomed everyone, noting that it is the last meeting for this year.

Superintendent McKay – 2022-2023 Budget Information Session

- Superintendent McKay began his slide presentation regarding the 2022 – 2023 Budget that was shared with members of the Parent Involvement Committee explaining it is presented to the Parent Involvement Committee as well as other LKDSB standing committees and is presented to the Board of Trustees.
- Funding is based on the ADE or average daily enrolment for the year. Board staff is projecting a total of 14,347 elementary students and 7,196 secondary students for next year. Some families have moved away from larger city centers, which could account for some of the increase.
- Budget assumptions based on current communication from the Ministry:
 - Virtual learning will continue
 - Covid-19 Learning Recovery Fund – additional staffing supports, destreaming in Grade 9, remote learning, special education supports and enhanced cleaning will be paired with Grants for Student Needs (GSN).
 - Main assumption is the reduction / elimination of Covid-19 funding supports.
 - Budget planning memo issued by Ministry on February 17, 2022.
- Budget challenges:
 - Virtual school enrollment levels
 - Supply staff budget
 - Transportation funding
 - Capital Funding pressures with escalating tender costs
- Superintendent McKay reviewed the Board’s draft Revenue Table. Funding is provided in the form of operating grants, capital grants, COVID-19 funding supports and other revenue.
- Superintendent McKay answered questions.

Regarding transportation, when the school year started, were we using more buses because of the cohort and how many students could go on a bus?

Superintendent McKay indicated there were no extra buses used and explained that there is not an excess amount of buses available and are using the same number of buses and routes within

catchment.

Does the pupil accommodation calculation include virtual students?

Superintendent McKay stated funding is consistent regardless of program whether virtual or face to face.

Melinda thanked Superintendent McKay for his presentation.

Superintendent Hazzard – Spring and Summer 2022 Learning Recovery Plan

- Superintendent Hazzard began his slide presentation that was shared with members of the Parent Involvement Committee.
- Total LKDSB Tutoring Support Funding was \$1,839,800.
- The April to August 2022 overview included:
 - Learning recovery during the school day
 - Evening and weekend tutoring
 - Community partnerships
 - Summer learning recovery opportunities
- Learning recovery links directly to the LKDSB Strategic and Operational Plans.
- Intervention teachers are shared by schools to engage students in phonological and phonemic awareness.
- Heggerty Curriculum is used by students from Kindergarten to Grade 3.
- 2609 students engaged in tutoring with school day, evening and weekend tutoring.

Superintendent Hazzard answered questions.

The goal is to focus on K-3 and the summer camp includes more than that, how do we communicate with parents to be aware?

Principals refer to the programs and anyone interested can access this with their principals.

School principals and teachers are proactive in identifying students and connecting with resources?

Reading and tutoring supports are available to all students including those who would like to improve their skills.

Director Howitt noted EQAO assessments are now offered over multiple days and completed electronically.

Superintendent Hazzard confirmed EQAO has begun with more flexibility on when students can complete the assessment.

Business Arising from the Meeting of February 7, 2022

There were no concerns raised from the minutes of February 7, 2022

Feedback – Virtual Speaker Yassmin Abdel-Magied – April 28, 2022

- Differing views on the presentation with a low audience. Some students and parents were not interested in the topic and although delivered well, it seemed repetitive.
- The recording has been received to send to schools where it can be shared with School Councils.

Director's Update

- May 17, 2022 is International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia and Pride Month is June.
- Staff and student attendance is improving. In recent surge, all schools remained open to students.
- Assemblies, some school councils, graduations and Grade 8 celebrations, field trips and guest speakers have been occurring and planned with some restrictions lifted.
- International Student Education program is increasing with a need for Home Stay families. Supports have been offered to Ukraine International Students who are registered in LKDSB.
- Director Howitt thanked Melinda for chairing the meeting and the entire Parent Involvement Committee for the work it completes. Meeting formats will be determined for the fall.

PRO Grant update

- If schools are having difficulty in following through on plans, please contact Bonnie. There have been 3 schools unable to fulfill.
- Information on PRO Grant funds will be available at first meeting in the next school year.

Next meeting – October 3, 2022, via Teams

Other Business/Future Agenda Items

- PRO Grant
- Facebook Group – do we want to dissolve it and create new or open up to parents in general
- Continue to address inclusion and bias topics

Adjournment: 7:02 pm

Bonnie Gotelaer, Recording Secretary