



# Public Schools of Calumet, Laurium, & Keweenaw Parent Advisory Committee

## Meeting Minutes

The CLK Parent Advisory Committee held its monthly meeting on May 20, 2021, at 5:30 p.m., in the CLK Commons and via Zoom.

Present were members: Steve Tarnowski, Melissa Anderson, Jessica Mattson, Tamara Fryer, Joni Erkkila, Dan Giachino, Christine Miller, Nikki Lahti, Lynn Koivisto, Jodi Skoog, and Chris Davidson

Absent were members: Kim Robbins, Kristin Zubiena, Sarah Hampton, Katie Oja, Adam Loukus, Keith Anderson, Roy Loukus, Karyn King, Jake Garrow, Lauren Ymker, Mary Pennala, David Bertholf, Melissa Keranen, Brooke Peterson, and Kristi Pieti

On motion, second (Jessica Mattson, Jodi Skoog) unanimous decision, minutes from the April 22, 2021, meeting were approved.

Agenda items for the May 20, 2021 meeting were approved with no changes.

Presentations/Speakers: None

Sub-Committee Reports: None

Announcements:

- a) Kim Robbins stepped down as Chairperson of the PAC. This vacancy will be revisited at the June 17, 2021 PAC meeting.
- b) Maija Kyttä has resigned as a member of the PAC.

Unfinished Business:

- a) Teachers and students are ready for the elementary summer learning camp. Camp Keweenaw will use an intensive one-on-one tutoring approach with themes and outdoor fun. Credit recovery for high school students will take place.
- b) A parent support site has been developed and was viewed by PAC. The site includes “How to and Troubleshooting” for Schoology, Seesaw, Skyward, Wifi Hotspots, and connecting to home Wifi. Members agree the site will be helpful. For further concerns the site doesn’t resolve, a link will be added to contact the necessary staff. The website link will be placed on the CLK School main webpage for easy access.
- c) Screen time guidelines from the American Academy of Pediatrics and American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry reviewed. PAC asks that staff are mindful of when screens are being used for instruction and maximizing our ability to be face-to-face with students.
- d) Shaping 2021-2022 and Beyond
  - a. Curriculum updates are needed at all levels over the next couple years. Tamara Fryer asked for a comparison of printed versus electronic text costs and word count or content.
  - b. Christine Miller stated the Calumet Public Library could use updated texts related to content students are currently learning in class.

#### New Business

- a) Four PAC sub-committees have been identified at this time: Curriculum, PTO, School Improvement, and Parent Communication and Involvement.
  - a. The curriculum sub-committee will be divided into three groups (Elementary, Middle, and High School).
  - b. PTO is an opportunity for parents and teachers to work together. Often this will include organizing school family nights and other events.
  - c. School improvement plans are developed and submitted to the State each year. This year, Chris Davidson will review the School Improvement Plan with all PAC members at the June 17, 2021 PAC meeting.

- d. Parent communication and involvement will start by developing a packet of information for parents regarding extracurriculars to ensure parents are informed of what their child's school year will have to offer and how they can get involved as a parent.

Members are asked to reply to Chris Davidson with what sub-committee they have interest in being part of.

Other Business:

- a) Melissa Anderson brought forward concerns of inadequate communication when a bus is late. Students and families are waiting long periods prior to receiving communication that their bus has been delayed. Although staff work to get email messages out to parents, some buses are on their routes before staff are in the office, potentially causing this delay. Chris Davidson will find options to improve this communication.

On motion, seconded (Nikki Lahti, Christine Miller) unanimous decision, the CLK Parent Advisory Committee adjourned at 6:35 p.m.