



Special Education Advisory Committee

TELECONFERENCE MEETING

FEBRUARY 7, 2017

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Present

- Jennifer Moore (Chair) - Dilico
- Kerry Desjardins - Superintendent of Education
- Marline Ilijow - Trustee
- Judy Wawia - Trustee - Aboriginal Representative
- Margie Rondeau - NOSP
- Maureen Parkes - FASC Co-ordinator, NW Community Health Centre
- Helen Gibbons - CCAC/SNCDSB Mental Health and Addictions Nurse
- Fred Schmidt - Associate Director - Children's Centre, Thunder Bay
- Colleen Sheriff - Student and Community Engagement Lead

Regrets

- Judy Wawia - Trustee - Aboriginal Representative
- Dean Burke - Principal



- Gilbert Rondeau - George Jeffrey Children's Centre
- Margie Rondeau - NOSP
- Jennifer Niskanen - Parent
- Lynda Moffat - Parent
- Jennifer & Ray Ross - Parents
- Kristie Nicholas - Parent

Welcome and Opening Liturgy

Kerry began and ended the meeting with a prayer and read the statement of acknowledgment:

"We acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe Peoples, in the Robinson Superior Treaty area. I wish to recognize the long history of First Nations and Metis Peoples in Ontario, and show respect to them today".

AGENDA/MINUTES

Resolution #13/16

Moved By: Judy Wawia

Seconded By: Marline Ilijow

THAT the agenda of the Special Education Advisory Committee teleconference meeting held on February 7, 2017 be accepted.

CARRIED

Resolution #14/16

Moved By: Marline Ilijow



Seconded By: Fred Schmidt

THAT the minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee teleconference meeting held on January 17, 2017 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Business Arising out of Minutes

Professional Learning

1. ABA Presentation - Colleen Sheriff

Colleen shared a presentation with the SEAC committee regarding her role as Student and Community Engagement Lead with a focus in Applied Behaviour Analysis with the SEAC committee. She spoke about ABA, Attendance, CASST (Catholic Achievement Support System Team), FNMI Education - Policy Framework, Mental Health, Native Language & Culture teachers in each school, as well as how they are going into homes to work with and support parents. Colleen reiterated that our continued focus at Superior North Catholic DSB is on the Whole Child.

New Business

1. After School Skills Development Program

Kerry shared that SNCDSB has been successful in securing funding for an Afternoon Program for student with ASD as well as typically developing students for the remainder of this year and next year. Our Lady of Lourdes (Manitouwadge), St. Martin School (Terrace Bay), and St. Hilary School (Red Rock) will all be able to offer a program at their site locations. Further communication will come once things begin.

2. Renewed Math Strategy

An overview of the Ministry, Board, and School's focus on the Renewed Math Strategy was shared, as well as information regarding how our math coach, Aaron Baker has been instrumental in supporting our educators and students in this focus. The Committee would like to have Aaron share his role in relation to the Renewed Math Strategy at the next session if possible.



3. Service Provider Updates (if available):

North of Superior Programs - Margie Rondeau

Not available for update

Community Care Access Centre - Helen Gibbons

Not available for update - had to leave meeting due to an emergency

George Jeffrey Children's Centre - Gilbert Rondeau

Not available for update

Children's Centre Thunder Bay - Fred Schmidt

Fred shared that there were no significant updates to share at this time but discussion began regarding the referral process. It is important to note that all referrals that go to CCTB through Rural Services must be done in conjunction with NOSP as they are the "gatekeeper". These referrals all indicate a mental health/behaviour need that is requesting assessment through Psychology; referrals are not made through CCTB for cognitive needs.

Jessica Bird continues to be available for inservice with Learning for All teachers in regards to ADHD, anxiety, etc.

Norwest Community Health Centre (FASD) - Maureen Parkes

Maureen reported that there were no updates at this time.

Dilico Anishinabek Family Centre (Jennifer Moore)

Jennifer shared that on March 28-30 Dilico will be offering their Annual Conference with invitations sent to the various partners. This Conference will focus on Trauma Informed/Risk Management models, as well as looking at Land-based teaching strategies that focus on the 7 Grandfather Teachings. They invited the 13 First Nation communities, Treaty 3 and Treaty 9 members and Community partners.

Dilico offers a range of programs through their Access Network, including Mental Health counselling, Mental Health Nurse, Cultural Program and these can be made through non-client referrals. They have various people in their organization that celebrate diversity within their specific groups (e.g. Cultural Rangers, Pow Wow Ladies, Life Coaches, etc.)



Other Matters

1. Next Meeting Date: March 7, 2017

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #15/16

Moved By: Marline Ilijow

Seconded By: Fred Schmidt

THAT we adjourn the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting at 10:10 am

CARRIED

SEAC Chairperson

Date

SEAC Member

Date