



Special Education Advisory Committee

TELECONFERENCE MEETING

MARCH 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
- Aaron Baker - Numeracy Facilitator for SNCDSB



Regrets

- Dean Burke - Principal
- Gilbert Rondeau - George Jeffrey Children's Centre
- 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:

I would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather today is the ancestral territory of the Anishinaabe and the Metis. I wish to recognize and show respect to the long history and contributions of the First Nations and Metis Peoples in Ontario, as well as, the Inuit People of Canada.

AGENDA/MINUTES

Resolution #16/16

Moved By: Judy Wawia

Seconded By: Fred Schmidt

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

CARRIED



Resolution #17/16

Moved By: Margie Rondeau

Seconded By: Judy Wawia

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

CARRIED

Business Arising out of Minutes

Professional Learning

1. Renewed Math Strategy - Aaron Baker

Aaron shared a presentation with the SEAC committee regarding his role as Numeracy Facilitator within the board and how his role supports the Renewed Math Strategy from the Ministry of Education. He spoke specifically about how he is supporting schools in some of the following areas:

- Sixty minutes daily of protected math learning in Grade 1-8.
- Training for math leads within each school to help build mathematical competencies and confidence.
- Support for learning at home through Parent Resources shared at Parent Information Nights and in monthly letters home.
- Math support for grades 6 to 9 outside of the school day, including Homework programs.
- Focused support to strengthen math learning, teaching and learning across Ontario for students with special education needs; and many more.

Aaron recognized the following Numeracy Highlights for all SNCDSB schools:

- Math Lead in each school



- All schools are accessing the Numeracy Facilitator
- Scope and Sequence Plan in alignment with the Board Plans
- Numeracy Interventions used within schools
- Technology enabled learning
- Resource rich schools
- Co-construction of Success Criteria
- Feedback cycle
- Triangulated assessment of learning
- Math mindsets
- Math games of engagement

New Business

1. Learning for All Session - February 28, 2017

Kerry shared that this was a virtual session that focussed directly on IEP's and beginning the task of completing an IEP Audit on each student who currently has an IEP in each of our schools. Learning for All teachers will begin this IEP inquiry using a moderating sheet to ensure that Key Elements are identified with the appropriate information and that all sections are completed proficiently. We will ensure that all IEP's comply with all of the IEP Standards and that all information is personalized and precise.

2. Learning for All Session - tentative March 31, 2017

Information will be forthcoming regarding a virtual learning session for all Learning for All teachers and SEAC committee members with Brandy Weldon for Dilico on March 31, 2017. This presentation will be approximately 45 - 60 minutes in length.

3. January RSEC Overview and May RSEC Tentative Plan:

Kerry met with Will Goodman on March 2, 2017 in Dorion to co-plan the Regional RSEC meeting. This meeting will be held on May 25th and 26th and will include presentations



from the Ministry of Education Special Education branch, Superior North Catholic District School Board Student and Community Engagement Leads, Superior Greenstone Positive Behaviour Support Lead, Supporting Students with Learning Disabilities - Connie Quadrini, etc.

4. Service Provider Updates (if available):

North of Superior Programs - Margie Rondeau

Margie shared that they are at their full compliment of staff. Candace Davies is in a Management role for the North Shore and Nicole Beaulieu is in Management role for the Greenstone District.

Margie also discussed an initiative and project that has begun by the Greenstone Harvest Center as based on the Hunger Report of 2016. This project is a “Name the Project” contest and all members were encouraged to submit a name if you think of one. There are many Healthy Kids initiatives that are beginning, including:

- Starting a weekend food program
- Locally sponsoring of Adopt a Kid on the weekend, etc.

Margie will speak more about these initiatives at our next SEAC meeting.

Community Care Access Centre - Helen Gibbons

Helen shared that the amalgamation process is still ongoing. Helen also shared that students from Red Rock, Nipigon, and Schreiber now have access to the Mental Health nurse currently based out of the High School in Red Rock, while students from Marathon and Terrace Bay have access to Helen who is based out of Holy Saviour School in Marathon. Helen and Nina will support both the Public and Catholic System.

George Jeffrey Children’s Centre - Gilbert Rondeau

Not available for update

Children’s Centre Thunder Bay - Fred Schmidt

Fred shared that there is a priority and need in our region right now for CCTB to offer training and support for implementation of Trauma Informed services in order to build capacity in the system. On March 9th, Fred will be sharing a Mental Health System (ARC) to community partners in an effort to begin the conversations about training for



next year. More information will be provided during the session and in the months to come. It has been identified that many children are currently experiencing or have experienced complex developmental trauma.

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 Dilico is offering a Walk In Clinic in District Offices at Whitesand, Pic Mobert, Nipigon and Longlac on the first Tuesday of every month. As well community concerns for their Addictions and Mental Health supports to focus on is in regards to supporting youth who self harm as well as the challenging behaviours that many youth are currently demonstrating in school and at home.

Dilico has a full panel of staff who focus on supporting the implementation of culture. As well, they will support the Fair Start Screening process in First Nation Communities.

Dilico is hosting a 2-day conference in May in Dryden around Trauma and Risk Management, as well as Human Trafficking.

Other Matters

1. Next Meeting Date: April 4, 2017

Adjournment

Resolution #18/16

Moved By: Marline Ilijow

Seconded By: Judy Wawia

THAT we adjourn the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting at 10:34 am

CARRIED

Meeting Minutes – Special Education Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: March 7, 2017



SEAC Chairperson

Date

SEAC Member

Date