



Special Education Advisory Committee

TELECONFERENCE MEETING

JANUARY 17, 2017

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Present

- Kerry Desjardins - Superintendent of Education
- Marline Ilijow - Trustee
- Dean Burke - Principal
- Margie Rondeau - NOSP
- Gilbert Rondeau - George Jeffrey Children's Centre
- Helen Gibbons - CCAC/SNCDSB Mental Health and Addictions Nurse
- Fred Schmidt - Associate Director - Children's Centre, Thunder Bay

Regrets

- Judy Wawia - Trustee - Aboriginal Representative
- Jennifer Moore (Chair) - Dilico
- Maureen Parkes - FASC Co-ordinator, NW Community Health 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:

“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 #10/16

Moved By: Dean Burke

Seconded By: Helen Gibbons

THAT the agenda of the Special Education Advisory Committee teleconference meeting held on January 17, 2017 be accepted as amended (The presentation by Colleen Sheriff will be moved to the February 7, 2017 meeting).

CARRIED

Resolution #11/16

Moved By: Marline Ilijow

Seconded By: Helen Gibbons

THAT the minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee teleconference meeting held on December 6, 2016 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED



Business Arising out of Minutes

Professional Learning

1. Including Students with Exceptionalities (Monograph #16)

Opportunity was provided to discuss this Monograph and how it is the school's responsibility to ensure an inclusive environment is provided to all students. It was noted that this reading clearly demonstrates the need by all educators to promote successful inclusion within the entire educational setting.

As well, Dean reminded everyone that in a Cognitive Profile for a student with a LD that they continue to operate inside normal range and that we need to be cognizant of how their day looks within the classroom and ensure that we are capitalizing on their strengths.

New Business

1. ABA Presentation - Colleen Sheriff - moved to the February 7th SEAC meeting

2. RSEC Meeting in Thunder Bay

Communication was shared regarding the inability to attend this meeting due to the weather and that once materials were received from participants attending then they would be shared with the committee.

Superior North Catholic DSB and Superior Greenstone DSB will be co-hosting the RSEC meeting planned in May 2017. Further details about the planning of this session will be shared following the first planning meeting.

3. Service Provider Updates (if available):

North of Superior Programs - Margie Rondeau

The Management team has completed the accreditation process and they were successful. They are hopeful with the accreditation that new funding will also become available. One Regional Manager has been hired within the district, Nicole Beaulieu. At this time there is no Manager for the North Shore but they continue to be hopeful that there will be one soon.



Margie further spoke about the fact that they don't currently have a wait list. They currently see or hear about student struggles in October and then January/February the further recognition of student struggling is recognized and a referral will be made for further investigation.

NOSP programs has been offering Walk In Wednesdays within many communities which has been positively received from the public. Terrace Bay will be the next community in which to offer this service

Community Care Access Centre - Helen Gibbons

CCAC continues to be in the same position as previously reported and that they continue to offer support to students and families as requested. Helen also noted that there is not currently a waitlist for service and this allows students to be seen quickly and they will be connected with other services as necessary. It was identified that if there is a waitlist in Thunder Bay then there should be contact made because there is a mandate for no wait list.

George Jeffrey Children's Centre - Gilbert Rondeau

It was noted that schools are very aware of George Geoffrey centre based on the number of referrals. Unfortunately there has not been a replacement found for Colleen Mahone; there had been 3 applicants but they all declined due to location. Gilbert will likely be on own for remainder of the year. He currently has an active load of 111 with 40 on the waitlist. People are encouraged to advocate more for the centre; letters to the Premiere would help as they need to look more at the retention of professionals for our area.

Children's Centre Thunder Bay - Fred Schmidt

At this time CCTB has a lengthy waitlist (7-8 months at least and possibly longer for younger students). Diane Walker is the person responsible for community response, specifically high risk children and youth.

There has been a forum created that has representation from the various agencies, Rapid Community Response and Mobilization. It was created in the hopes to be a helpful vehicle for students on the waitlist. Terms of Reference are being developed for students who are going through the process to help that they don't get caught between organizations. Kristina Brassard works within the organization specifically for students with complex needs.

The Rural Psychology Program - Jessica Bird - will do inservice and consultive training with educators specifically on supporting students.



Norwest Community Health Centre (FASD) - Maureen Parkes

Unavailable for meeting

Dilico Anishinabek Family Centre (Jennifer Moore)

Unavailable for meeting

Other Matters

- 1. Next Meeting Date: February 7, 2017

Adjournment

Resolution #12/16

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