



Special Education Advisory Committee

TELECONFERENCE MEETING
JUNE 6, 2017

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Dilico Anishinabek Family Centre (Jennifer Moore)

Other Matters

Adjournment

Resolution #27 /16

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
- Jennifer Niskanen - Parent



Regrets

- Helen Gibbons - CCAC/SNCDSB Mental Health and Addictions Nurse
- Fred Schmidt - Associate Director - Children's Centre, Thunder Bay
- Dean Burke - Principal
- Gilbert Rondeau - George Jeffrey Children's Centre
- Kristie Nicholas - NOSP - Nipigon
- Lynda Moffat - Parent
- Jennifer & Ray Ross - Parents

Welcome and Opening Liturgy:

Kerry began 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 #22/16

Moved By: Marline Ilijow

Seconded By: Jennifer Niskanen

THAT the agenda of the Special Education Advisory Committee teleconference meeting held on June 6, 2017 be accepted.

CARRIED



Resolution #23/16

Moved By: Marline Ilijow

Seconded By: Jennifer Niskanen

THAT the minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee teleconference meeting held on April 4, 2017 be accepted as amended.

CARRIED

Business Arising Out of Minutes

Professional Learning

1. Supporting Self Regulation in the Classroom

Kerry shared that Dr. Jessica Byrd from the Children's Centre Thunder Bay presented to the Learning for All teachers on April 13th in Red Rock. The presentation was entitled "Supporting Self Regulation in the Classroom" and in that time she focused directly on what Self Regulation was and how it develops. Dr. Byrd delved into the 5 Domains of Self Regulation and why Self Regulation really matters. During this time she also discussed how Traumatic stressors impact a person's ability to self regulate and spoke to the ARC model (Attachment, Regulation and Competency) which is a flexible treatment and intervention that the CCTB has been discussing with a variety of the providers and school boards.

New Business

1. Northern Supports Initiative Funding/Grants for Students Needs Funding

Kerry shared Memo dated May 19th that indicated that the Ministry of Education will be providing \$22 million in special education funding over the next 3 years to Northern Ontario school boards, to support students with special education needs. This money will be split between the 16 boards (8 boards that are east of



us and the 8 NOEL region boards) and both groups will work collaboratively to implement the NSI framework.

Kerry shared the SB11 Memo that demonstrates how funds are distributed to school boards based on the formulas created. SNCDSB will be receiving the amount of \$442,515 for Differentiated Special Education Needs and \$279,334 using the Special Education Statistical Prediction Model.

2. **Special Education Plan 2017 - Annual Review**

Kerry shared the document and read through the proposed changes with the SEAC group for the Special Education Binder 2017 (these changes are also attached to the Meeting Minutes)

Resolution #24/16

Moved By: Judy Wawia

Seconded By: Marline Ilijow

THAT the Superior North Catholic District School Board accepts the revisions to the Special Education Plan as presented via teleconference, as recommended by the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC).

CARRIED

Resolution #25/16

Moved By: Margie Rondeau

Seconded By: Jennifer Niskanen

THAT a report be sent to the Ministry of Education indicating that the Special Education Annual Review process has been conducted.

CARRIED

Resolution #26/16

Moved By: Jennifer Niskanen



Seconded By: Marline Ilijow

THAT a comprehensive copy of the Superior North Catholic District School Board's Special Education Plan, be kept on file at the Board office, in all of the schools, and on the Board website, as a public document.

CARRIED

3. Service Provider Updates (if available):

North of Superior Programs - Margie Rondeau/Kristie Nicholas

Margie shared that Neil Sheach has officially retired and Nicole Beaulieu has replaced him in the Greenstone District and Candace Davies in the north shore region. Joshua Wong is not in charge of Adult/Senior Services in the Greenstone Area. There is also an additional counsellor in the Manitouwadge area.

Community Care Access Centre - Helen Gibbons

Not available for update

George Jeffrey Children's Centre - Gilbert Rondeau

Not available for update

Children's Centre Thunder Bay - Fred Schmidt

Not available for update

Norwest Community Health Centre (FASD) - Maureen Parkes

Maureen shared that there is a session on FASD and Mental Health planned for Monday, September 18th with the Keynote speaker being Dan Dubovsky. This conference will focus on students with FASD and how we support within a strength based approach. It will be held in Thunder Bay at the Victoria Inn Conference Centre. Maureen will send out posters for the event.

Dilico Anishinabek Family Centre (Jennifer Moore)

Jennifer shared that they are currently in a recruitment process for a new manager of the Assessment Brief Treatment Unit. This program is for children



age 9 to 16 and can be an 8 week to 120 day program. It operates in partnership with Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board to ensure academic programming continues during the duration of the program.

Jennifer also shared that they are currently planning for the Youth Empowerment Camps that will run for 2 weeks this summer. One week will be for girls that will run from July 4-7 and there will be one week for boys that will run from July 18-21. This camp will be held at the Polly Lake Girl Guide Camp, is for First Nation youth and will focus on Traditional Teachings, Responsible Gambling Strategies, Sexual Education and Mental Health. There is a registration package and students are identified and chosen by the front line staff at our First Nation communities.

There will be a future inservice for the Mental Health Community Health Nurses (CHN's) as they will now be responsible to give and monitor medication. They will support 9 of our First Nation communities through a Health Transfer Agreement.

Other Matters

1. **Next Meeting Date:** June 27, 2017

Adjournment

Resolution #27 /16

Moved By: Marline Ilijow

Seconded By: Jennifer Niskanen

THAT we adjourn the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting at 10:35 am

CARRIED

Meeting Minutes – Special Education Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: June 6, 2017



SEAC Chairperson

Date

SEAC Member

Date