



Special Education Advisory Committee

Meeting held on September 7, 2017

Present

- Kerry Desjardins - Superintendent of Education
- Marline Ilijow - Trustee
- Judy Wawia - Trustee - Aboriginal Representative
- Margie Rondeau - NOSP
- Helen Gibbons - CCAC/SNCDSB Mental Health and Addictions Nurse
- Fred Schmidt - Associate Director - Children's Centre, Thunder Bay
- Mary Beth Minthorn-Biggs - Inclusive Education Clinician
- Alexa McKinnon - Director of Education

Regrets

- Jennifer Moore (Chair) - Dilico
- Gilbert Rondeau - George Jeffrey Children's Centre
- Maureen Parkes - FASD Coordinator, NW Community Health Centre
- Kristie Nicholas - NOSP - Nipigon
- Lynda Moffat - Parent
- Jennifer & Ray Ross - Parents
- Jennifer Niskanen - Parent

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 #01/17

Moved By: Marline Ilijow
Seconded By: Fred Schmidt

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

CARRIED

Resolution #02/17

Moved By: Judy Wawia
Seconded By: Marline Ilijow

THAT the minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee teleconference meeting held on June 27, 2017 be accepted as amended.

CARRIED

Business Arising Out of Minutes

Ministry Reports

1. **IEP Reporting Periods Memo - June 29, 2017**
Each participant took time to read the June 29, 2017 Memo from the Ministry regarding Individual Education Plans and the completion of these within the first instructional days of school for the first reporting period in February and then reviewed and updated for the second reporting period.



New Business

1. Recruitment of New Members

The following suggestions were made for possible new members:

- Student and Community Engagement Lead
- Ontario Provincial Police Department member
- Principal/Teacher Rep

As well, we engaged in discussion regarding a SEAC Recruitment pamphlet.

2. Inclusive Education Framework

Mary-Beth shared the 2017-2018 Inclusive Education Framework that focuses on the goal of creating and supporting an inclusive learning environment with evidence based strategies and programs through:

- Catholicity
- Achieving Excellence
- 21st Century Competencies
- Indigenous Education
- Learning for Learning
- Wellness

Mary Beth explained the role of the Inclusive Education Clinician and the Implementation plan for the Catholic Achievement System Support Team. She spoke to some of the evidence based programs/strategies that will be utilized this year to support the Framework, including FAST, Social Skill Development and Self Regulation and Mindfulness.

3. 2017-2018 School Year Calendar

The Memo of Important Dates 2017-2018 was shared with the Committee, with the dates for IPRC's and IEP's clearly highlighted. The Superior North Catholic DSB calendar for the 2017-2018 school year will be sent to each member following the meeting.

4. Special Education Programs and Budget

This item was spoken to during the discussion regarding the Inclusive Education Framework for 2017-2018 as our Special Education system positions were



highlighted and explained, as well as the programs that will be the focus within our schools and systems to impact student success and well-being.

5. **Learning for All Professional Development - September**

On September 20th and 21st all Principals, Learning for All teachers, Educational Assistants, Kindergarten teachers, Early Childhood Educators, and Primary Teachers will attend Behaviour Management Systems training in Nipigon and Red Rock.

BMS training is specifically geared to creating respectful learning environments that enhance desirable behaviour. This training has been sub-contracted with an option to have our own educators become trainers for future training.

6. **Service Provider Updates (if available):**

North of Superior Programs - Margie Rondeau

Margie spoke to the summer projects that new management put into place. Each team worked collaboratively to create new resources and regroup to prepare for September. Through conversations they recognized that the issues at local schools were a common trend throughout the region. Therefore, teams created vignettes and tutorial learning sessions for students, parents and teachers in regards to several issues that need to be addressed (e.g. grief, suicide, etc). These vignettes will support EA's, Child and Youth Workers, Learning for All teachers and can be used for all students K-8. They are 15 minute presentations and will be stored in a Library at NOSP (not on website yet) to be used at schools, including classrooms, small group sessions, Open Houses, Parent Nights, etc.

Community Care Access Centre - Helen Gibbons

Helen shared that Community Care Access Centre is now under the LHINS management and organization as they will be sharing resources. Staffing remains the same, with the same coordinators. Mental Health Nurses still continue to be on the front line supporting students with wrap around services continuing to be available, including OT, MHN, and Speech.

George Jeffrey Children's Centre - Gilbert Rondeau

Not available for update



Children's Centre Thunder Bay - Fred Schmidt

Fred spoke of the ARC (Attachment Regulation and Competency) model and that training will occur on November 16th and 17th for all interested organizations. They will accommodate approximately 200 people. Fred will share additional information in October.

Norwest Community Health Centre (FASD) - Maureen Parkes

Not available for update but poster for FASD Training Event with Dan Dubovsky on September 18th was shared with Committee.

Dilico Anishinabek Family Care - Jennifer Moore

Not available for update

Future Agenda Items

1. I am HERE Campaign
2. DISC Training
3. Child Care Resources services for Autism
4. FAST and BRISC Program

Other Matters

1. **Next Meeting Date:** October 3, 2017

Adjournment

Resolution #03/17

Moved By: Judy Wawia
Seconded By: Marline Ilijow

THAT we adjourn the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting at 1:56 pm

CARRIED

Meeting Minutes – Special Education Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: September 7, 2017



SEAC Chairperson

Date

SEAC Member

Date