



Special Education Advisory Committee

Meeting held on January 9, 2018

Present

- Kerry Desjardins - Superintendent of Education
- Judy Wawia (Chair) - Trustee - Aboriginal Representative
- Marline Ilijow - Trustee
- BJ Mercier - St. Hilary School Principal
- Mary-Beth Minthorn-Biggs - Inclusive Education Clinician
- Jennifer Moore - Dilico
- Helen Gibbons - LHINS/SNCDSB Mental Health and Addictions Nurse
- Fred Schmidt - Associate Director - Children's Centre, Thunder Bay
- Margie Rondeau - NOSP
- Maureen Parkes - FASP Coordinator, NW Community Health Centre

Regrets

- Gilbert Rondeau - George Jeffrey Children's Centre
- Kristie Nicholas - NOSP - Nipigon
- 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 #13/17

Moved By: Marline Ilijow
Seconded By: Mary-Beth Minthorn-Biggs

THAT the agenda of the Special Education Advisory Committee teleconference meeting held on January 9, 2018 be accepted.

CARRIED

Resolution #14/17

Moved By: Marline Ilijow
Seconded By: BJ Mercier

THAT the minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee teleconference meeting held on December 5, 2017 be accepted.

CARRIED

Business Arising Out of Minutes

Professional Learning Update

1. ARC Training Update - Fred Schmidt

Fred gave an overview of the ARC (Attachment, Regulation, and Competency) Training that occurred in Thunder Bay in November. There were 200 people who attended the training and the majority were child service agencies. On Friday January 12, 2018 there will be a meeting with the various agencies that provide service for our children to look at the implementation of the ARC model within the service system, including Dilico, Children's Aid, Youth Justice System, NOSP, etc. Clinical consultation groups will meet early in February to look at a manual for the ARC model implementation.

New Business

1. SNAP Program Community Roll-Out/Psychometric Assessments

The Community roll-out in the Greenstone District saw participants engaged in the learning experience shared. Mary Beth further elaborated on the SNAP program, indicating that this is a 13 week program that staff at Our Lady of Fatima, St. Joseph and St. Edward schools will engage in. This program will target our highest intensive needs students that are at risk of entering the Youth Justice system.

Mary-Beth has been working with Dr. Bruce Ferguson in regards to resources required to purchase to being Psycho-Educational Assessments for students within our system that we suspect have learning disabilities.

2. RSEC Session - January 24, 25, 2018

Kerry shared the background behind the Regional Special Education Committee meeting. As well, the Agenda for the upcoming RSEC meeting was shared verbally with the group, including presentations that will occur.

3. School Year Calendar 2018-2019 - Community Input

The link to the Website was embedded in the agenda with direction to provide input into the choice for the PD day schedule for 2018-2019. Parents were asked to complete this survey before the end of the month to ensure that all voices are captured.

4. Service Provider Updates (if available):

North of Superior Programs - Margie Rondeau

Margie had been off for a period of time due to an injury. NOSP is currently going through a major transformation in regards to their database. SIMS is going to be the data portal (EMHware). NOSP has lost two people who had previously been trained in the TAPP-C program. Chantal Binet is participating in Trauma informed webinars and is also a SNAP support.

Margie will be retiring in 76 days and Nicole Beaulieu will replace Margie on the SEAC committee when she retires. Neil Seich is currently the Data Manager (past Regional Manager). Ashley Northum is on maternity leave and there is a posting for a Longlac position to support Annie.

Local Health Integration Network - Helen Gibbons

Helen indicated that there were no updates at this time.

George Jeffrey Children's Centre - Gilbert Rondeau

Not available for update.

Children's Centre Thunder Bay - Fred Schmidt

Fred was unavailable for this update following his presentation.

Norwest Community Health Centre (FASD) - Maureen Parkes

Maureen indicated that there were no updates at this time.

Dilico Anishinabek Family Care - Jennifer Moore

Jennifer talked to the TAPP-C (The Arson Prevention Program) within Dilico. They have several workers who are trained to use the tool shared by the Fire Setting Specialist; these are behaviour tools. This supports Communities of Practice in becoming more trauma informed through internal training. The tool is lengthy but very effective; good practice to have the Fire Department as part of the assessment in order to offer a home visit for fire safety and fire evacuation. TAPP-C student who requires an assessment is also a good candidate for SNAP. Referrals for students can be sent to Jennifer Moore. Spring is often a time with increased referrals.

Dilico is also currently in the process of implementing a new database. The February 20th and 21st Dilico Conference is focused on trauma and violence. There may be spots available. If there is Jennifer will send them to Kerry.

There is an expansion for children aged 16-18 for Child Services. There is a possibility of new staff to be part of this transition service.

Future Agenda Items

1. ARC - Fred Schmidt
2. TAPP-C - Jennifer Moore
3. Numeracy - Rima Mounayer or Math Lead
4. SNAP Training - Mary-Beth Minthorn-Biggs

Other Matters

1. **Next Meeting Date:** February 6, 2018

Adjournment

Resolution #15/17

Moved By: Marline Ilijow

Seconded By: B.J. Mercier

THAT we adjourn the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting at 10:21 am

CARRIED

Originally signed by SEAC Chair and SEAC Member.