



Special Education Advisory Committee

Meeting held on February 12, 2018

Present

- Kerry Desjardins - Superintendent of Education
- Judy Wawia (Chair) - Trustee - Aboriginal Representative
- Marline Ilijow - Trustee
- Jennifer Moore - Dilico
- Helen Gibbons - LHINS/SNCDSB Mental Health and Addictions Nurse
- Margie Rondeau - NOSP
- Peter Kutok - Math Lead

Regrets

- BJ Mercier - St. Hilary School Principal
- Mary-Beth Minthorn-Biggs - Inclusive Education Clinician
- Fred Schmidt - Associate Director - Children's Centre, Thunder Bay
- Gilbert Rondeau - George Jeffrey Children's Centre
- Maureen Parkes - FASP Coordinator, NW Community Health 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.

Resolution #16/17

Moved By: Marline Ilijow
Seconded By: Margie Rondeau

THAT the agenda of the Special Education Advisory Committee teleconference meeting held on February 12, 2018 be accepted as amended.

CARRIED

Resolution #17/17

Moved By: Marline Ilijow
Seconded By: Jennifer Moore

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

CARRIED

Business Arising Out of Minutes

Professional Learning Update

1. 2017-2018 RMS (Renewed Math Strategy) Plan

Peter Kutok, one of SNCDSB Math Leads shared a Math presentation with the SEAC committee. Committee members were able to ask questions and engage in dialogue during the presentation to further their understanding of the Math plan for Superior North Catholic DSB and how it currently impacts all students, including our students with special education needs.

New Business

1. SNAP Training - Agenda item will be moved to the March 6th SEAC meeting.

2. RSEC Meeting Overview

Kerry shared highlights from the January RSEC meeting, including the priorities of the Northern Supports Initiative that have been identified by the NOEL boards and

submitted to the Ministry for approval. These priorities include:

1. Child Psychological Services
2. Urgent Need Response
3. Mental Health Early Intervention (Social Work Support)
4. Specialized Intensive Support Classroom Program
5. Leadership Development
6. Professional Development for Staff
7. Tele-Psych Infrastructure/licensing

3. Postings for Educational Assistants

Kerry shared that there are 8 new Educational Assistant postings for Superior North Catholic District School Board. These postings include the following positions:

1. 0.5 FTE at Our Lady of Lourdes School
2. 1.0 FTE at Holy Saviour School
3. 0.5 FTE at St. Martin School
4. 1.0 FTE at Holy Angels School
5. 0.5 FTE at St. Edward School
6. 1.0 FTE at St. Hilary School
7. 1.0 FTE at St. Joseph School
8. 0.5 FTE at Our Lady of Fatima School

4. School Year Calendar for 2018-2019

Thank you to everyone that took time to respond to the survey for the School Year Calendar for 2018-2019. The survey is now closed and the calendar has been sent to the Ministry for approval.

5. Service Provide Updates (if available):

North of Superior Programs - Margie Rondeau

Margie only has 40 working days left until retirement. NOSP is actively trying to fill the current maternity leave plus Margie's position. They have transitioned

from SIMS to the EMH Ware which is compatible with Dilico and Children’s Centre Thunder Bay. The client list is extensive at NOSP in the Greenstone District as the people struggle more with the cold weather. NOSP remains status quo as of now.

[Local Health Integration Network - Helen Gibbons](#)

Helen shared that the Service Agreements between the LHINS and the Boards have been signed with a 3-year term.

[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](#)

Not available for update

[Dilico Anishinabek Family Care - Jennifer Moore](#)

The Dilico Conference is currently being planned but unfortunately they were not able to open up seats outside of their First Nation partners. Further information will be shared about the conference with the SEAC committee in the future.

Future Agenda Items

1. SNAP
2. ARC
3. TAPP-C
4. Dilico Conference

Other Matters

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

Adjournment

Resolution #18/17

Moved By: Marline Ilijow
Seconded By: Jennifer Moore

THAT we adjourn the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting at 10:32 a.m.

CARRIED

SEAC Chairperson

Date

SEAC Member

Date