



Special Education Advisory Committee

Meeting held on November 6, 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
- Fred Schmidt - Associate Director - Children's Centre, Thunder Bay
- Bobbi-Lin Mercer - Teacher Representative
- Nicki Chik - Parent
- Rima Mounayer - Superintendent of Education (Guest)

Regrets

- BJ Mercier - St. Hilary School Principal
- Nicole Beaulieu - NOSP - Greenstone
- Gilbert Rondeau - George Jeffrey Children's Centre
- Maureen Parkes - FASD Coordinator, NW Community Health Centre
- Tara Patterson - Parent

Welcome and Opening Liturgy:

Trustee Wawia began the meeting with a prayer and read the statement of acknowledgment.

Minutes:

Resolution #04/18

Moved By: Marline Ilijow
Seconded By: Fred Schmidt

THAT the agenda of the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting held on November 6, 2018 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Resolution #05/18

Moved By: Marline Ilijow
Seconded By: Helen Gibbons

THAT the minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee teleconference meeting held on [October 2, 2018](#) be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Business Arising Out of Minutes

Professional Learning Update

1. Presentation of [Multi-Year Accessibility Plan January 2018 to January 2023](#)

Rima Mounayer

Ms. Mounayer shared the attached 5 Year Multi-Year Accessibility plan with SEAC and spoke about how this plan is in accordance with the various Acts and Regulations identified within the plan. She shared that all schools have been inspected and recommendations have been made to ensure that each of them are accessible. The Accessibility Committee will meet twice a year to update the recommendations as the work is completed. The first priority has been to make sure that washrooms are accessible at all schools; two schools within the board are high priority schools for this action. Ms. Mounayer also spoke to the lack of accessibility at the Catholic Education Centre in Terrace Bay and how it would cost more money to retrofit the current existing space which is why the addition to St. Martin School has been explored by the board.

Ms. Mounayer shared that this plan is currently in DRAFT form until it is passed by the Board of Trustees at the next Board Meeting.

New Business

1. [SEAC Members 2018-19](#)

Kerry shared the attached the SEAC Members list, with the removal of one parent member due to one year of consecutive absences. SEAC membership is a one year term with participants being notified in the beginning of the school year in regards to their intent to continue representation.

2. Learning for All Professional Learning Opportunities 2018-19

Kerry shared that the Learning for All teachers have and will continue to have numerous opportunities for Professional Development through the course of the year, including but not limited to the following:

- Regular Learning for All sessions (approximately 5) to explore Ministry requirements and Ministry directed modules for the Learning for All resource document
- 6-12 Board Consultations opportunities with Psychiatrist Dr. Chi Cheng
- Executive Functioning Session with Psychologist Dr. Rana Pishva

3. [EQAQ 2017-2018 School Board Report](#)

Kerry shared the attached School Board Report, discussing how we are seeing improvement in the Primary Division in all areas (Reading, Writing and Mathematics). In the Junior Division we have remained fairly consistent in Reading, have seen a slight decline in Writing, but have experienced an extreme decline in Mathematics. This decline is reflected in our plans for the 2018-2019 school year with explicit focus on collaborative learning experiences for our Grade 3-6 teachers with the Math leads. This Math focus is also reflected in our Board Improvement Plan as noted below.

4. [Superior North CDSB 2018-19 Board Improvement Plan](#)

The Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement (BIPSA) has been created as a system team of Senior Administration and Principals to reflect our need to align and narrow our focus for Student Achievement and Well-being into one succinct goal. This goal focuses on developing our student learners in math by creating opportunities and environments that are reflective of their needs.

5. Service Provider Updates (if available):

North of Superior Programs - Nicole Beaulieu

Not available for an update

Local Health Integration Network - Helen Gibbons

Helen had to remove herself for a meeting

George Jeffrey Children's Centre - Gilbert Rondeau

Not available for an update

Children's Centre Thunder Bay - Fred Schmidt

Fred shared that they continue to be busy with the regular activity of assessment and treatment service. Discussion occurred about the possibility of having either Jessica Byrd or Genevieve Berube facilitate a professional learning session with our Learning for All teachers around further understanding a student profile.

Norwest Community Health Centre (FASD) - Maureen Parkes

Not available for an update

Dilico Anishinabek Family Care - Jennifer Moore

Jennifer shared that Dilico currently has 2 Transitional Discharge Workers that are supporting outside of Thunder Bay. These individuals are responsible for discharge planning. There is a Primary Care travelling team that is supporting communities (e.g. Ginoogaming). This team includes a pharmacist, GP, Mental Health worker, and a traditional healer. Jennifer spoke about the District Health Unit's decision to discontinue Fair Start and that she would provide additional information about Dilico's possible role in this moving forward.

Future Agenda Items

1. 2018-2019 Math Plan for Superior North Catholic DSB
2. Positive Behaviour Support Lead
3. Fairstart for 2019
4. Dilico Presentation - Jennifer Moore

Other Matters

1. Next Meeting Date: December 4, 2018

Adjournment

Resolution #06/18

Moved By: Marline Ilijow
Seconded By: Jennifer Moore

THAT we adjourn the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Carried.

SEAC Chairperson

Date

SEAC Member

Date