



Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting held on January 7, 2020

Present

- Kerry Desjardins - Superintendent of Education
- Judy Wawia (Chair) - Trustee - First Nation Representative
- Marline Ilijow - Trustee
- Lindsay Costa - Principal Representative
- Bobbi-Lin Mercer - Teacher Representative
- Maureen Parkes - FASD Coordinator, NW Community Health Centre
- Mia Laframboise - Educational Assistant
- Tara Patterson - Parent

Regrets

- Nicole Beaulieu - NOSP - Greenstone
- Fred Schmidt - Associate Director - Children's Centre, Thunder Bay
- Gilbert Rondeau - George Jeffrey Children's Centre
- Jennifer Moore - Dilico
- Helen Gibbons - LHINS/SNCDSB Mental Health and Addictions Nurse
- Nicki Chik - Parent

Welcome and Opening Liturgy:

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

Agenda/Minutes:

Resolution #13/19

Moved By: Mia Laframboise
Seconded By: Bobbi-Lin Mercer

THAT the agenda of the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting held on January 7, 2020 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Resolution #14/19

Moved By: Mia Laframboise
Seconded By: Marline Ilijow

THAT the minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee teleconference meeting held on December 3, 2019 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Business Arising Out of Minutes

Professional Learning Update

1. Trauma Informed Professional Learning Video - Dr. Kristen McLeod

Kerry shared with committee members the video hosted by Dr. Kristen McLeod on Trauma Informed Schools 101. If you would like the link to view the complete video please let Kerry or Maria know and this can be shared with you.

Kerry shared about the work that Dr. Kristen McLeod has done with our Board. We will continue working with her and the impact of trauma and support for those students that have a higher Ace score. Principals, Teachers, Educational Assistants, Early Childhood Educators and all support staff have seen this video. We would like to have Dr. McLeod do a Professional Development Session with our staff. It was mentioned that it would be nice to see more segments of this video at future SEAC meetings. Maureen indicated that she would like to attend one of our PD days that has Dr. McLeod as the presenter.

New Business

1. Learning for All & Principal Professional Learning Session - January 9th

On Thursday, January 9th the Learning for All teachers and Principals will join together via Zoom for a one hour session on the Role of the Educational Assistants in the schools. We need to ensure that we are utilizing our Educational Assistants in our schools and our classrooms appropriately so that we meet the needs of all of our students.

Special Incidence Portion (SIP) Claims

On December 13th our Special Incidence Portion (SIP) Claims applications were submitted to the Ministry. Kerry described the SIP claim funding program and how it supports the placements of our Educational Assistants within our schools. Our Board submitted ten SIP claims. We currently have 26.5 Educational Assistants working with our Board. Ten of these positions are dedicated to students with one on one support. We are waiting for the approval of these SIP claims from the Ministry. Two Educational Assistants are currently being funded by Jordan's Principle.

2. School Based Rehabilitation Services

Kerry shared the referral process for George Jeffrey Children's Centre. The wait list is quite long as their services include the region and the city of Thunder Bay. We are still responsible for maintaining the service without the professionals here.

We have out-sourced services to TinyEYE Therapy Services for Speech Language Pathology, which is web based, for our students. TinyEYE has an Occupational Therapy service that we are currently looking at providing for our schools, following a pilot project that we are doing at one school. Positive comments on the TinyEYE services at St. Edward School were received.

3. Kindergarten Registration for 2020-2021

Kerry mentioned that we are approaching Kindergarten registration week which is being held from January 20 - 24, 2020. A radio advertisement is being broadcasted by CFNO, posters are being distributed to communities and kindergarten registration packages are being completed to be sent to all schools. We encourage parents to complete a formal registration so we know what our school numbers will be for staffing etc. We have a lot to offer and encourage families to come visit our schools.

4. Service Provider Updates (if available):

North of Superior Programs - Nicole Beaulieu

Not available for an update.

Local Health Integration Network - Helen Gibbons

Not available for an update.

George Jeffrey Children's Centre - Gilbert Rondeau

Not available for an update

Children’s Centre Thunder Bay - Fred Schmidt
Not available for an update.

Norwest Community Health Centre (FASD) - Maureen Parkes
Assessment and Diagnostic services can be provided by sending an email or by completing the referral page.

Dilico Anishinabek Family Care - Jennifer Moore
Not available for an update.

Other Matters

1. Future Agenda Items

- Dr. Kristen McLeod video continuation
- Travelling health team - Curtis Hildebrandt
- Jordan’s Principle Presentation for SEAC meeting, or joining in at a future PD session. This is a great opportunity for schools to apply for funding.

2. Next Meeting Date: February 4, 2020

Our next meeting will be through a zoom link. It will connect each participant virtually.

Adjournment

Resolution # 15/19

Moved By: Mia Laframboise
Seconded By: Marline Ilijow

THAT we adjourn the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting at 10:16 a.m.

CARRIED

SEAC Chairperson

Date

SEAC Member

Date