



# Special Education Advisory Committee

## Meeting held on October 6, 2020

### Present

- Kerry Desjardins - Superintendent of Education
- Judy Wawia (Chair) - Trustee - First Nation Representative
- Marline Ilijow - Trustee
- Lindsay Costa - Principal Representative
- Nicki Chik - Parent
- Mia Laframboise - Educational Assistant
- Maureen Parkes - FASD Coordinator, NW Community Health Centre
- Fred Schmidt - Associate Director - Children's Centre, Thunder Bay

### Regrets

- Nicole Beaulieu - NOSP - Greenstone
- Jennifer Moore - Dilico
- Bobbi-Lin Mercer - Teacher Representative
- Tara Patterson - Parent

### Welcome and Opening Liturgy:

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

### Agenda/Minutes:

#### Resolution #01/20

Moved By: Fred Schmidt  
Seconded By: Lindsay Costa

**THAT** the agenda of the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting held on October 6, 2020 be accepted as amended.

Carried.

### Resolution #02/20

Moved By: Marline Ilijow  
Seconded By: Fred Schmidt

**THAT** the minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee teleconference meeting held on September 8, 2020 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

### Resolution #03/20

Moved By: Marline Ilijow  
Seconded By: Lindsay Costa

**THAT** the minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee teleconference meeting held on June 9, 2020 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

### Resolution #04/20

Moved By: Fred Schmidt  
Seconded By: Marline Ilijow

**THAT** the minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee teleconference meeting held on May 5, 2020 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

## Business Arising Out of Minutes

### Professional Learning Update

#### 1. [Differentiated Instruction: Focus on Learners with LD / ADHD](#)

Kerry shared the attached learning opportunity for staff, with a focus on students with LD/ADHD. She also shared the remote learning requirements even though we cannot travel to large learning sessions.

#### 2. [Distance Learning - Differentiating Instruction](#)

## New Business

### 1. Special Education Plan 2020-2021 - Annual Review

Proposed Changes to Special Education Plan 2020-2021

#### Resolution #05/20

Moved By: Marline Ilijow

Seconded By: Nickie Chik

**THAT** the Superior North Catholic District School Board accepts the revisions to the Special Education Plan, as recommended by the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC).

Carried.

#### Resolution #06/20

Moved By: Fred Schmidt

Seconded By: Marline Ilijow

**THAT** a report be sent to the Ministry of Education indicating that the Special Education Annual Review process has been conducted.

Carried.

#### Resolution #07/20

Moved By: Marline Ilijow

Seconded By: Lindsay Costa

**THAT** a comprehensive copy of the Superior North Catholic District School Board's Special Education Plan, be kept on file at the Board Office, in all of the schools, and on the Board website, as a public document.

Carried.

### 2. A Framework for Service Providers

Kerry informed us that we have moved to having service providers visiting our schools effective Sept. 21st. We had to ensure all our regulations were being covered and adhered to before we had additional staff enter our schools. We planned for appointments for these meetings to ensure students were in attendance at that time. Plexiglass partitions have been purchased for all schools to ensure the assessor and student have limited contact. We shared our PPE protocol with the service providers.

The process has been a smooth transition and students are receiving the services they require.

### **3. NOEL Northern Support Initiative**

Kerry shared the Northern Support initiative that continues to be accessible for Northern Ontario students.

The only change is that the NSI funding will now be part of the GSN. This funding has been embedded into our budget. The Thunder Bay Catholic DSB is the banker board for this funding. We still have access to the same dollar amount and services. There seems to be a longer wait list for services in the North. We still have access to mental health interventions through the schools. There is funding for leadership development as well. Fred shared that he has a contact person to perform Phys Ed Assessments and will share this with information with Kerry.

### **4. Vision for School-Based Rehabilitation Therapy Services-SEAC recruitment**

Kerry was asked to be part of this research project through Queen's University. They are meeting with Supervisory Officers throughout the province who hold the special education portfolio. The study is based on collective collaboration. The first session will be held on Thursday and they will collect information across the province. Participation is voluntary and you can withdraw whenever you wish to. If you are interested in this opportunity, let Kerry know and she will forward your name.

### **5. Service Provider Updates (if available):**

#### **North of Superior Programs - Nicole Beaulieu**

Not available for an update.

#### **George Jeffrey Children's Centre - Gilbert Rondeau**

Not available for an update.

#### **Children's Centre Thunder Bay - Fred Schmidt**

Fred shared they are proving virtual services and some face to face sessions as well.

#### **Norwest Community Health Centre (FASD) - Maureen Parkes**

We are in the process of organizing virtual training series (3 of them) on FASD, and this has proven to be very successful. If you have any parents interested in the caregiver program which is 6 week virtual training, please contact Maureen. Kerry has requested a poster with this information so that it can be shared with parents.

#### **Dilico Anishinabek Family Care - Jennifer Moore**

Not available for an update.

## Other Matters

### 1. Next Meeting Date:

The next SEAC zoom meeting for the 2020-2021 school year, will be held on **November 3, 2020**.

## Adjournment

### Resolution #08/20

Moved By: Marline Ilijow  
Seconded By: Fred Schmidt

THAT we adjourn the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting at 10:06 a.m.

Carried.

*Originally signed by SEAC Chairperson and SEAC Member*