



## Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting held on April 2, 2019

### Present

- Kerry Desjardins - Superintendent of Education
- Judy Wawia (Chair) - Trustee - First Nation Representative
- Marline Ilijow - Trustee
- BJ Mercier - St. Hilary School Principal
- Fred Schmidt - Associate Director - Children's Centre, Thunder Bay
- Bobbi-Lin Mercer - Teacher Representative
- Maureen Parkes - FASD Coordinator, NW Community Health Centre
- Jennifer Moore - Dilico
- Nicki Chik - Parent

### Regrets

- Helen Gibbons - LHINS/SNCDSB Mental Health and Addictions Nurse
- Gilbert Rondeau - George Jeffrey Children's Centre
- Nicole Beaulieu - NOSP - Greenstone
- Tara Patterson - Parent

### Welcome and Opening Liturgy:

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

### Agenda/Minutes:

### Resolution #20/18

Moved By: Marline Ilijow

Seconded By: Fred Schmidt

**THAT** the agenda of the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting held on April 2, 2019, be accepted as presented.

Carried.

### Resolution #21/18

Moved By: Marline Ilijow

Seconded By: Fred Schmidt

**THAT** the minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee teleconference meeting held on March 5, 2019 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

## Business Arising Out of Minutes

### Professional Learning Update

1. **Indigenous Education at Superior North Catholic DSB** - Colleen Sheriff

## New Business

1. **Supporting Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder**

Kerry shared the linked B07 Memo: Supporting Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder. This memo outlines how the Ministry is supporting students and families as a result of the changes to the Ontario Autism Program, for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year and moving forward into the 2019-2020 school year.

2. **New Vision for Education Memo**

Kerry shared the linked B08 Memo: New Vision for Education which provides an overview of the new vision, as well as its key elements.

3. **SEAC Communication - Durham Catholic District School Board**

Kerry shared a letter that was received from the Durham Catholic District School Board that was sent to Minister Lisa Thompson to express concern about the recent changes to the provincial funding model for Autism services and the impact that it will have on children, families and school boards.

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**

Fred shared that there are no new updates at this time.

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

Maureen shared that there are no new updates at this time.

**Dilico Anishinabek Family Care - Jennifer Moore**

Jennifer shared that her organization has been extremely busy as they are looking at coordinating with communities to integrate a District Recreation Program. This group is willing to travel the District and coordinate with programmers to discuss Physical Recreation and Healthy Meals. They are flexible in that they are willing to support current programs and program facilitators (e.g. After School Program).

**Other Matters**

- 1. Next Meeting Date: May 7, 2019

**Adjournment**

**Resolution #22/18**

Moved By: Fred Schmidt  
Seconded By: Marline Ilijow

**THAT** we adjourn the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Carried.

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SEAC Chairperson

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SEAC Member

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