



## Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting held on February 1, 2022

### Present

- Kerry Desjardins - Superintendent of Education
- Judy Wawia (Chair) - Trustee - First Nation Representative
- Shirley Jean - Trustee
- Tara Kydd - George Jeffrey Children's Centre, Thunder Bay
- Lisa Copp - Educational Assistant Representative
- Lindsay Costa - Principal Representative
- Bobbi-Lin Mercer - Teacher Representative
- Fred Schmidt - Associate Director - Children's Centre, Thunder Bay
- Tracy Bryson (Guest) - Mental Health Lead
- Karly Baker - Presenter
- Lena Stahl - Presenter

### Regrets

- Erin Montelpare - NOSP - Greenstone
- Maureen Parkes - FASD Coordinator, NW Community Health Centre
- Brie-Ann Copp - Parent
- Jennifer Moore - Dilico Anishinabek Family Care

### Welcome and Opening Liturgy:

Ms. Wawia began the meeting with a prayer and read the statement of acknowledgement.

## Agenda/Minutes:

### Resolution #12/21

Moved By: Shirley Jean  
Seconded By: Bobbi-Lin Mercer

**THAT** the agenda of the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting held on February 1, 2022 be accepted.

Carried.

### Resolution #13/21

Moved By: Bobbi-Lin Mercer  
Seconded By: Shirley Jean

**THAT** the [minutes](#) of the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting held on January 11, 2022 be accepted.

Carried.

## Business Arising Out of Minutes

### Professional Learning Update

#### 1. [Math Presentation](#) - Lena Stahl and Karly Baker

L. Stahl and K. Baker described their roles as Math team members and updated SEAC on what learning/training has occurred in Mathematics.

## New Business

#### 1. **Mental Health Update - Tracy Bryson**

On January 28th, Tracy Bryson, Nicole Piche and Kerry Desjardins facilitated a PD session for support staff on supporting Mental Health and Well-being. Social emotional learning was also reviewed. The afternoon PD session was on Trauma. Bell Let'sTalk Day was also promoted at our schools. Mental Health ASIST Training will also be scheduled in the future. Children's Centre Thunder Bay and SNCDSB have joined services and we now have a counselor available for our schools, for two days per week.

#### 2. **Transitions to Kindergarten/High School - Kerry Desjardins**

Student transitions to Kindergarten and High School have begun. Students with special needs had our Learning for All teachers reach out to these families. Transitions to Kindergarten packages will be distributed to families.

**3. Lexia Learning - Kerry Desjardins**

Our schools have invested their time in using Lexia Learning, with huge impacts in many of our schools. There are classroom celebrations when students move up in their individual levels.

**4. [PAAC on SEAC](#) - SEAC Resource Guide on Special Education Funding 2021**

This is a resource guide on funding.

**5. [FASD Training](#) - NorWest Community Health Centre**

This training will be held on February 7th. The attached poster includes a link to register.

**6. Service Provider Updates (if available):**

- a. North of Superior Programs - Erin Montelpare

Not available for update.

- b. Children's Centre Thunder Bay - Fred Schmidt

Regular services are available.

- c. Norwest Community Health Centre (FASD) - Maureen Parkes

Not available for update.

- d. Dilico Anishinabek Family Care - Jennifer Moore

Not available for update.

- e. George Jeffrey Children's Centre - Tara Kydd

Nicole is no longer the Manager and Tara will continue on SEAC.

## Future Agenda Items

If you would like to add any items to the Agenda, please provide information to K. Desjardins or M. Lapenskie.

## Other Matters

### 1. Next Meeting Date:

The next SEAC zoom meeting will be held on March 1, 2022 beginning at 9:30 a.m.

## Adjournment

### Resolution #14/21

Moved By: Shirley Jean  
Seconded By: Bobbi-Lin Mercer

THAT we adjourn the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting at 10:14 a.m.

Carried.

Originally signed by

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SEAC Chairperson

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Date

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SEAC Member

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Date