



Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting held on June 1, 2021

Present

- Kerry Desjardins - Superintendent of Education
- Judy Wawia (Chair) - Trustee - First Nation Representative
- Helen Gibbons - HCCSSNW/SNCDSB Mental Health and Addictions Nurse
- Fred Schmidt - Associate Director - Children's Centre, Thunder Bay
- Bobbi-Lin Mercer - Teacher Representative
- Jennifer Moore - Dilico
- Nicki Chik - Parent
- Tracy Bryson - Presenter

Regrets

- Mia Laframboise - Educational Assistant
- Gilbert Rondeau - George Jeffrey Children's Centre
- Nicole Beaulieu - NOSP - Greenstone
- Maureen Parkes - FASD Coordinator, NW Community Health Centre
- Lindsay Costa - Principal Representative
- Marline Ilijow - Trustee
- Tara Patterson - Parent

Welcome and Opening Liturgy:

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

Agenda/Minutes:

Resolution #28/20

Moved By: Fred Schmidt

Seconded By: Bobbi-Lin Mercer

THAT the agenda of the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting held on June 1, 2021 be accepted.

Carried.

Resolution #29/20

Moved By: Helen Gibbons

Seconded By: Fred Schmidt

THAT the minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee virtual meeting held on May 4, 2021 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Business Arising Out of Minutes

Professional Learning Update

1. Mental Health 2020-2021 Presentation - Tracy Bryson

[Mental Health Presentation SEAC June 1, 2021](#)

The Mental Health Presentation shared information on the internal and external challenges this school year; introducing our Positive Behaviour Support Workers and their roles and responsibilities and programming highlights; information on Mental Health week which was held from May 3-9, 2021; the continued collaboration with Principals; rural education and mental health collaboration with the District of Thunder Bay and Dilico Anishinabek Family Care; and information on Parent and Family Engagement.

New Business

1. Special Education Plan 2021-2022 - Annual Review

[Proposed Changes to Special Education Plan 2021-2022](#)

Resolution #30/20

Moved By: Fred Schmidt

Seconded By: Helen Gibbons

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).

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

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. Summer Learning 2021 - Kerry Desjardins

Our two leads, Lena Stahl and Sarah Clowes, will be leading the Summer Learning program. Cara Figliomeni will be teaching the Grades K-3 students and Ravinder Kaur the Grade 5-8 program. We have 27 students registered at this time.

3. Professional Learning in Special Education - Overview 2020-2021 - Kerry

Desjardins

We shared with SEAC the Professional Learning that has happened during the current year and this will be highlighted and shared in the Special Education Plan.

4. Transition to Kindergarten 2021-2022 - Kerry Desjardins

For the 2021-2022 school year, due to the pandemic, our Principals are working to connect with parents of students that are entering JK this September to schedule a school visit etc. We are hoping to be able to offer a transition period prior to school beginning in September.

5. SEAC Communication - [Brant Haldimand Norfolk CDSB Letter](#)

6. Service Provider Updates (if available):

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

There has been a steady stream of referrals with the pandemic lock down. In planning for the Fall there may be an increase in the services required as schools resume in person learning.

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

Not available for updates.

- c. Dilico Anishinabek Family Care - Jennifer Moore

We are providing the services the best we can with mostly virtually and the odd face to face meeting. We started creating facebook pages with children. Mobile crisis team, MOU, moving along and pushing through. Health Fairs will be delivered either virtually or on a rotational basis due to covid restrictions.

- d. Home and Community Care Support Services North West - Helen Gibbons

There are still struggles with connecting with children during the pandemic. We are continuing to connect with students with phone calls and virtually. Helen will be retiring this summer and is thankful to all for this opportunity. Her position has been filled.

Future Agenda Items

We will review this in September. Meetings will be scheduled again for the first Tuesday of each month beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Other Matters

- 1. **Next Meeting Date:**

The next SEAC zoom meeting for the 2020-2021 school year will be held on September 7, 2021 beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Adjournment

Resolution #31/20

Moved By: Jennifer Moore

Seconded By: Bobbi-Lin Mercer

THAT we adjourn the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Carried.

Originally signed by

SEAC Chairperson

Date

Originally signed by

SEAC Member

Date