



# Special Education Advisory Committee

Meeting held on June 4, 2019

## Present

- Kerry Desjardins - Superintendent of Education
- Judy Wawia (Chair) - Trustee - First Nation Representative
- Marline Ilijow - Trustee
- BJ Mercier - St. Hilary School Principal
- Bobbi-Lin Mercer - Teacher Representative
- Nicole Beaulieu - NOSP - Greenstone
- Jennifer Moore - Dilico

## Regrets

- Helen Gibbons - LHINS/SNCDSB Mental Health and Addictions Nurse
- Fred Schmidt - Associate Director - Children's Centre, Thunder Bay
- Gilbert Rondeau - George Jeffrey Children's Centre
- Maureen Parkes - FASD Coordinator, NW Community Health Centre
- Tara Patterson - Parent
- Nicki Chik - Parent

## Welcome and Opening Liturgy:

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

## Agenda/Minutes:

### Resolution #26/18

Moved By: Marline Ilijow  
Seconded By: Jennifer Moore

**THAT** the agenda of the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting held on June 4, 2019 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

### Resolution #27/18

Moved By: Nicole Beaulieu  
Seconded By: Marline Ilijow

**THAT** the minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee teleconference meeting held on May 9, 2019 be accepted as amended.

Carried.

## Business Arising Out of Minutes

### Professional Learning Update

#### 1. Jordan's Principle Presentation

Stephanie and Artiga from Indigenous Services Canada led us through the attached presentation where she shared how services could be obtained for First Nation students regardless of where they live. They shared that the application form can be completed by schools or parents, but must include Status registration number, Band membership and consent must be obtained from parents.

Stephanie and Artiga explained how applications can be done for individual students or can be group applications if there is a similar need. These applications can include requests for Transportation, Psychology or Psychoeducational assessments, Speech/Language services, Art Therapy, Land-based Cultural supports directly from First Nation community, Summer Learning opportunities, etc.

Applications are completed for services from April 1st to March 31st but extension can be granted for the remainder of the school year received (e.g. funding for educational assistants ends March 31st but an extension can be obtained for April 1 - June 30). It is important that applications are fully completed prior to being emailed to the Ontario Regional office as a complete

application can be approved and processed quicker.

## New Business

### 1. **Special Education Plan 2019 - Annual Review**

Kerry shared the document highlighting the Proposed Changes to the Special Education Plan 2019. The SEAC committee approved the revisions through the following Resolutions.

#### Resolution #28/18

Moved By: Marline Ilijow  
Seconded By: Bobbi-Lin Mercer

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 #29/18

Moved By: Marline Ilijow  
Seconded By: Bobbi-Lin Mercer

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

Carried.

#### Resolution #30/18

Moved By: Marline Ilijow  
Seconded By: Bobbi-Lin Mercer

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. **Professional Learning Opportunities Review 2018-2019**

Kerry shared the attached presentation regarding the Professional Learning opportunities that were available to educators in 2018-2019, specifically

highlighting Learning for All and Mental Health.

### 3. Special Education Funding 2019-2020

2019: SB 07 Special Education Grant Funding Memo:

A Guide to the Special Education Grant:

The Special Education Funding for 2019-2020 was shared with the committee, highlighting especially the increases to ABA funding allowing boards to hire more professional staff who have expertise in ABA as well to double the training opportunities that will build school board capacity in ABA.

### 4. Strengths/Challenges/Next Steps for SEAC Committee

The committee discussed the strengths of the committee and then identified the following needs for next year:

- Google Calendar invites for SEAC committee for all meetings for the year
- Option for Zoom meetings rather than teleconference throughout the year
- Monthly regular date and time for all meetings - First Tuesday of every month
- Include Learning for All teachers/Principals in the SEAC presentations

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

North of Superior Programs - Nicole Beaulieu

Nicole shared that the North of Superior Program website is available and active. NOSP staff have been extremely busy as Seema, the counsellor hired through the NOEL project is currently on leave and her caseload (34) is being carried by the current staff with additional referrals continuing to come in.

A third manager has been hired for the Schreiber/Terrace Bay/Marathon/Manitouwadge area, Karen Barclay. At this time there is not a youth counsellor available in Manitouwadge but an interim plan to provide service through Family Support is available.

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 current updates at this time.

Norwest Community Health Centre (FASD) - Maureen Parkes  
Not available for an update.

Dilico Anishinabek Family Care - Jennifer Moore  
Jennifer shared that Dilico has revitalized their Walk In Clinic on the first or last Tuesday (depending on the community) every month. This is occurring in every office from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm and is intended to be a single session for brief intervention. Nancy McGuire is travelling to the First Nation communities to provide service and is consistent in her visits.

SNAP is continuing in Long Lake 58 at the Eagle Nest but it continues to be hard having parents involved in the program.

Jennifer shared that Dilico services now include Three C’s and Seaway which provide safe and secure housing supports for clients post treatment. In addition to housing supports the services will provide one on one counselling, case management, life skills, and cultural programming.

## Other Matters

1. Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 12:45 pm (lunch at 12:00 pm)

## Adjournment

### Resolution #31/18

Moved By: Marline Ilijow  
Seconded By: Nicole Beaulieu

**THAT** we adjourn the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting at 2:20 p.m.

Carried.

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SEAC Chairperson

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SEAC Member

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