



Special Education Advisory Committee

Meeting held on March 1, 2022

Present

- Kerry Desjardins - Superintendent of Education
- Judy Wawia (Chair) - Trustee - First Nation Representative
- Tara Kydd - George Jeffrey Children's Centre, Thunder Bay
- Lisa Copp - Educational Assistant Representative
- Fred Schmidt - Associate Director - Children's Centre, Thunder Bay
- Jennifer Moore - Dilico Anishinabek Family Care
- Maureen Parkes - FASD Coordinator, NW Community Health Centre
- Brie-Ann Copp - Parent
- Bobbi-Lin Mercer - Teacher Representative
- Danielle Bond - Attendance Counsellor - Presenter

Regrets

- Erin Montelpare - NOSP - Greenstone
- Shirley Jean - Trustee
- Lindsay Costa - Principal Representative

Welcome and Opening Liturgy

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

Agenda/Minutes

Resolution #15/21

Moved By Fred Schmidt

Seconded By Jennifer Moore

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

Carried.

Resolution #16/21

Moved By Lisa Copp

Seconded By Fred Schmidt

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

Carried.

Business Arising Out of Minutes

Professional Learning Update

1. [Attendance Presentation](#) - Danielle Bond

Ms. Bond shared a presentation detailing the role and responsibilities in her position as Attendance Counsellor.

New Business

1. [Mental Health Update](#)

The partnership with Children's Centre Thunder Bay has been ongoing. Counselling services have been for two days per week. They are approaching a full caseload at the moment. We are confident that wait lists will move along given the service being offered is brief with using a 4-6 session service model. Dilico staff continue to offer virtual programming throughout the School Board. Trauma Informed Training will be presented to specific schools within our Board. On March 23 and 24, we will be offering the ASIST workshop for staff. There will be a training session, Mental Health First Aid First Nations, hosted by Superior

Strategies and SNCDSB on April 25, 26 and 27.

2. [Special Education Plan 2021-2022](#) - Consultation & Feedback - K. Desjardins

We will begin reviewing our Special Education Plan for the 2022-23 school year. Please review the 2021-22 Plan and provide any feedback to K. Desjardins. We would like to finalize our plan by the May 3rd SEAC meeting.

3. [Education Funding 2022-2023](#) - K. Desjardins

Minister Lecce has announced the education funding for the 2022-2023 school year. The link to the memos from the Ministry has been shared with members. We will be receiving more funding information in March. Some funding can begin being utilized in April.

4. [EQAQ 2022](#) - K. Desjardins

EQAQ Testing will resume this year. This is an opportunity for students to test their own abilities. We are working on our communication to parents to help to alleviate any stress on their children. The testing will be done in a digital format.

5. [Project Inclusion from Holland Bloorview](#) - K. Desjardins

This is a child rehabilitation project, with educator modules on disability, accessibility and inclusion. This will be reviewed at a later date for our Board.

6. Correspondence Received - [Algoma District School Board](#)

- [Dufferin-Peel Catholic DSB](#)

- [Durham District School Board](#)

7. Service Provider Updates (if available)

North of Superior Programs - Erin Montelpare

No updates at the moment.

Children's Centre Thunder Bay - Fred Schmidt

No updates at the moment.

Norwest Community Health Centre (FASD) - Maureen Parkes

No updates at the moment.

Dilico Anishinabek Family Care - Jennifer Moore

Business as usual. It has been very busy. Referrals are being received. Jennifer is now Co-chair of the Youth Advisory Council. The Council has set up gatherings for each representative, in which they do skill building and discussion of issues.

George Jeffrey Children’s Centre - Tara Kydd

No updates at the moment.

Future Agenda Items

Other Matters

1. Next Meeting Date

The next SEAC zoom meeting will be held on April 5, 2022 beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Adjournment

Resolution #17/21

Moved By Jennifer Moore

Seconded By Bobbi-Lin Mercer

THAT we adjourn the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Carried.

Originally signed by

SEAC Chairperson

Date

Originally signed by

SEAC Member

Date