



Special Education Advisory Committee

Meeting held on May 3, 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
- Maureen Parkes - FASD Coordinator, NW Community Health Centre
- Brie-Ann Copp - Parent
- Shirley Jean - Trustee
- Lindsay Costa - Principal Representative
- Bobbi-Lin Mercer - Teacher Representative

Regrets

- Jennifer Moore - Dilico Anishinabek Family Care
- Erin Montelpare - NOSP - Greenstone

Welcome and Opening Liturgy

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

Agenda/Minutes

Resolution #21/21

Moved By Shirley Jean

Seconded By Brie-Ann Copp

THAT the agenda of the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting held on May 3, 2022 be accepted.

Carried.

Resolution #22/21

Moved By Shirley Jean

Seconded By Brie-Ann Copp

THAT the minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting held on April 5, 2022 be accepted.

Carried.

Business Arising Out of Minutes

Professional Learning Update

1. Stakeholder Feedback on (DRAFT) Keeping Students Safe: Anti-Sex Trafficking Policy
 - [Keeping Students Safe: Anti-Sex Trafficking Policy](#)
 - [Keeping Students Safe: Anti-Sex Trafficking Procedure](#)

All Boards are required to complete an Anti Sex Trafficking Policy and Procedure. This will be shared with SEAC, CPIC and IEAC committees for their input and feedback. Please review these documents by May 13th and feel free to add your comments and feedback, or send your comments to M. Lapenskie or K. Desjardins.

New Business

1. Mental Health Update - Tracy Bryson
 - *Noojimo Health Counsellor in the Classroom Project* - provided virtual mental health services at Our Lady of Fatima School each week during the month of April.
 - This year's Children's Mental Health Week theme is *Empathy*. All students within the Board have been invited to take part in an Empathy Challenge.

Many other activities have been scheduled for this week.

- We are partnered with Children’s Centre Thunder Bay for virtual counselling services for two days a week.
- OECTA has partnered with School Mental Health Ontario with providing mental health resources.

2. [Special Education Plan 2021](#) - Final Request for Feedback - K. Desjardins

Please let us know if you have any changes/recommendations for the Special Education Plan 2022. This will be updated and tabled at the next SEAC meeting.

3. **Summer Learning Program, including Summer Learning for Students with Special Needs**

The Summer Learning Virtual Program will once again be held this summer. All students have been invited to attend. The following staff will co-ordinate the program:

- Principal is Lindsay Costa
- Lead is Sarah Clowes
- Teacher is Cara Figliomeni and Melissa Robinson will be running the junior/intermediate program
- Educational Assistant is Lindsay Critch. Registration is open online until May 23rd. This program is offered for students from K to Grade 8.

4. **SIP Claims for 2022-2023 as per [SIP Guidelines](#)**

The Special Incidence Portion (SIP) Claim process had been on hold for the last 2 years. It will be reinstated for the next school year. This provides one on one support for students due to their needs. We would have approximately 13 students that would qualify under this funding.

5. **Correspondence Received**

- [Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario](#)
- [York Catholic District School Board](#)
- [Upper Grand District School Board](#)
- [Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic DSB](#)

6. Service Provider Updates (if available)

North of Superior Programs - Erin Montelpare

Not available for updates.

Children’s Centre Thunder Bay - Fred Schmidt

Psychology services in the District - looking at a more shared role for these services. Brandy Person will be starting soon with Children’s Centre Thunder Bay, with visits to our areas. The Ministry has made some changes with school boards in regards to hiring their own social workers.

Norwest Community Health Centre (FASD) - Maureen Parkes

The information today has been fabulous and impressive. We continue to run our clinics both in person and virtual. We are accepting referrals from Thunder Bay and the District.

Dilico Anishinabek Family Care - Jennifer Moore

Not available for updates.

George Jeffrey Children’s Centre - Tara Kydd

No updates at this time.

Future Agenda Items

We will try to have our first SEAC meeting for the 2022-2023 school year, in person.

Other Matters

1. Next Meeting Date

The next SEAC zoom meeting will be held on June 7, 2022 beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Adjournment

Resolution #23/21

Moved By Bobbi-Lin Mercer

Seconded By Lisa Copp

THAT we adjourn the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting at 10:06 a.m.

Carried.

Originally signed by

SEAC Chairperson

Date

Originally signed by

SEAC Member

Date