



Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting held on June 7, 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
- Jennifer Moore - Dilico Anishinabek Family Care
- Erin Montelpare - NOSP - Greenstone
- Brie-Ann Copp - Parent
- Shirley Jean - Trustee

Regrets

- Bobbi-Lin Mercer - Teacher Representative
- Lindsay Costa - Principal Representative
- Fred Schmidt - Associate Director - Children's Centre, Thunder Bay
- Maureen Parkes - FASD Coordinator, NW Community Health Centre

Welcome and Opening Liturgy:

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

Agenda/Minutes:

Resolution #24/21

Moved By: Lisa Copp
Seconded By: Brie-Ann Copp

THAT the agenda of the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting held on June 7, 2022 be accepted.

Carried.

Resolution #25/21

Moved By: Brie-Ann Copp

Seconded By: Lisa Copp

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

Carried.

Business Arising Out of Minutes

Professional Learning Update

1. PAAC Resources for SEAC

- [PAAC on SEAC Funding Resource Guide](#)
- [Tip Sheet on Effective Practices for Recruitment of Local Association Members for SEAC](#)

New Business

1. Mental Health Update - Tracy Bryson

- T. Bryson and K. Desjardins are currently traveling to all schools for individual meetings with Principals. This coincides with our Board Action Plan. We have a Professional Development Day on Friday for Educational Assistants covering Mental Health and Well-being.

2. [Special Education Plan 2021](#) - K. Desjardins

Special Education Plan 2021-2022 - Annual Review

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

Resolution #26/21

Moved By: Brie-Ann Copp

Seconded By: Shirley Jean

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 #27/21

Moved By: Jennifer Moore

Seconded By: Lisa Copp

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

Carried.

Resolution #28/21

Moved By: Jennifer Moore

Seconded By: Brie-Ann Copp

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.

3. Update on Summer Learning 2022, including supports for students with Special Education Needs

Summer Learning is moving forward with 25 students currently enrolled. Students will be participating virtually. Literacy, Numeracy and Healthy Living will be part of the programming. Staffing for the Summer Learning Program was shared. We will have six students that will continue with TinyEYE services during the summer months.

4. Transition to Kindergarten/High School 2021-2022

We have moved forward with our Welcome to Kindergarten nights. Ages and Stages will continue for our new JK students. One student is a participant in the Entry to School program through George Jeffrey Children's Centre. Transitioning to High School has also begun for our Grade 8 students. The summer Reach Ahead credit in Family Studies is also being offered to students.

5. EQAO 2022

Our schools have participated in EQAO this year. Seven of our eight schools

have completed their testing requirements, with the final school completing Grade 3 testing in mid-June.

6. **[Professional Learning in Special Education - Overview of 2021-2022](#)**
Professional Development sessions held during the 2021-2022 school year for our special education staff were shared.
7. **Correspondence Received:**
 - **[Kenora Catholic DSB](#)** - concerns regarding funding for SIP claims.
 - **[Ernest C. Drury Secondary School for the Deaf in Milton](#)** - promotional video on their program.
8. **Service Provider Updates (if available):**

North of Superior Programs - Erin Montelpare

We have started the *Triple P Program* (Positive Parenting Program). Teen group sessions will be held in the evenings. A *Fearless* session is also being planned.

Children's Centre Thunder Bay - Fred Schmidt

Not available for updates.

Norwest Community Health Centre (FASD) - Maureen Parkes

Not available for updates.

Dilico Anishinabek Family Care - Jennifer Moore

Mental Health Awareness week - *Dare to Dream* was held which involved many activities. Health Fairs are starting in our First Nation communities. Mental Health referrals have continued. We are wrapping up our committee meetings. *Wake the Giant* has invited our Youth Advisory Council to their event.

George Jeffrey Children's Centre - Tara Kydd

Therapists are working on wrapping up their programming. In person and virtual services will continue. The new Clinic Manager, Andrea Stach will be starting with the Centre.

Future Agenda Items

Other Matters

1. **Next Meeting Date:**

The first SEAC meeting will be held on September 6, 2022 at St. Edward School beginning with lunch at 12:00 noon. A zoom link will be available for those that are unable to attend in person.

Adjournment

Resolution #29/21

Moved By: Jennifer Moore
Seconded By: Shirley Jean

THAT we adjourn the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting at 10:16 a.m.

Carried.

SEAC Chairperson

Date

SEAC Member

Date