



## Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting held on November 1, 2022

### Present

- Kerry Desjardins - Superintendent of Education
- Judy Wawia (Chair) - Trustee - First Nation Representative
- Andrea Stach - George Jeffrey Children's Centre, Thunder Bay
- Lisa Copp - Educational Assistant Representative
- Lindsay Costa - Principal Representative
- Shirley Jean - Trustee
- Bobbi-Lin Mercer - Teacher Representative
- Maureen Parkes - FASD Coordinator, NW Community Health Centre
- Jennifer Moore - DILICO
- Fred Schmidt - Associate Director - Children's Centre, Thunder Bay

### Regrets

- Erin Montelpare - NOSP - Greenstone
- Brie-Ann Copp - Parent

### Welcome and Opening Liturgy:

J. Wawia began the meeting with a prayer and S. Jean read the statement of acknowledgement.

### Agenda/Minutes:

#### Resolution #07/22

Moved By: Shirley Jean  
Seconded By: Bobbi-Lin Mercer

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

Carried.

### Resolution #08/22

Moved By: Shirley Jean  
Seconded By: Andrea Stach

**THAT** the minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting held on October 4, 2022 be accepted.

Carried.

## Business Arising Out of Minutes

### Professional Learning Update

#### 1. Faith Day 2022

Schools gathered with their sister schools for Mass in the morning and school faith teams facilitated retreats in the afternoon. During the afternoon session staff discussed “What do our Schools look like and what are our roles in creating a Catholic School environment”. The afternoon was a connection with all staff and then proceeded with dialogue within our sister schools. Our Celebration of Excellence will be held in the Spring.

## New Business

#### 1. Mental Health Update

Mental Health First Aid First Nations training is being held in the next couple of days in Nipigon. Dilico is sending two participants to join us. We have an increase in referrals for all std. We are in conference with Children Centre Thunder Bay as we now have a wait list for services. One on one check-ins with our school Principals are continuing.

#### 2. Speech-Language Therapy 2022-2023

We are unable to offer weekly sessions for our students with our current service providers for Northern Ontario Rural Services, therefore we have northern funding that can assist us with providing these services through a fee for service model. We are currently using Superior Speech Services and TinyEYE, which is an online service. We currently have 18 students that are participating in the program.

#### 3. Psychoeducational Assessments 2022-2023 School Year

We have been working closely with Dr. Sarah Sinclair for these services and at the moment our wait list has been cleared.

4. **SIP Guidelines / SEA Guidelines for 2022-2023**

The Ministry has given us the go ahead to submit SIP applications for this year. We have 13 applications that will be submitted for SIP claims. SEA claims are ongoing as well.

6. **Correspondence Received: None received**

8. **Service Provider Updates (if available):**

**North of Superior Programs - Erin Montelpare**

Not available for update.

**Children's Centre Thunder Bay - Fred Schmidt**

Autism assessments can be done through NOSP. There is an increase with connecting and working with schools with students with emotional behaviours and functioning.

**Norwest Community Health Centre (FASD) - Maureen Parkes**

No current updates. The FASD training session was a good event with 170 in attendance.

**Dilico Anishinabek Family Care - Jennifer Moore**

We are planning for National Addictions Awareness Week which is being held from November 21 to 25. Various autism training sessions are also upcoming.

**George Jeffrey Children's Centre - Andrea Stach**

Entry to School Program - once a child begins school, they are no longer eligible for the Entry to School Program. Any children entering JK or have not enrolled in school, are eligible for this program. Cohorts begin in November and then again in March. There is an Ontario Autism Program - online registration process. Once families are registered, parents would be notified of the services of the Entry to School Program.

## Future Agenda Items

### Other Matters

1. **Next Meeting Date:** December 6, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. via zoom

## Adjournment

### Resolution #09/22

Moved By: Jennifer Moore  
Seconded By: Lisa Copp

THAT we adjourn the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Carried.

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SEAC Chairperson

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