



Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting held on January 10, 2023

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
- Bobbi-Lin Mercer - Teacher Representative
- Brie-Ann Copp - Parent
- Danielle Bond - Parent
- Fred Schmidt - Associate Director - Children's Centre, Thunder Bay
- Lindsay Costa - Principal Representative
- Tracy Bryson - Presenter

Regrets

- Shirley Jean - Trustee
- Jennifer Moore - DILICO
- Maureen Parkes - FASD Coordinator, NW Community Health Centre

Welcome and Opening Liturgy:

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

Agenda/Minutes:

Resolution #13/22

Moved By: Bobbi-Lin Mercer

Seconded By: Danielle Bond

THAT the agenda of the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting held on January 10, 2023 be accepted.

Carried.

Resolution #14/22

Moved By: Brie-Ann Copp

Seconded By: Andrea Stach

THAT the [minutes](#) of the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting held on December 6, 2022 be accepted.

Carried.

Business Arising Out of Minutes

Professional Learning Update

1. Literacy Resources to close gaps: [Lexia Core 5](#) and [Lexia: Power Up](#)

K. Desjardins shared video promotions for these literacy resources that have been purchased and are being used in all schools for students in Grades K to 8. These programs will address individual student needs.

Lexia Core 5 - This program is for Kindergarten to Grade 5 students and looks at individual student needs, tailoring programs and lessons to meet these needs.

Lexia: Power Up is a program for students in Grades 6-8, where students are challenged to take ownership of their learning, at their own pace.

K. Desjardins shared the 2 videos with the committee. A license has been purchased for all students.

New Business

1. Mental Health Update - Tracy Bryson

Mental Health First Aid First Nations training with Kristine Baccart provided a session at St. Joseph School on January 4, 2023, for all staff. We are still actively recruiting for a child and youth worker for this area. Our positive behavior support worker from Nipigon has returned. We are still partnering with Children's Centre in Thunder Bay. We have added a second Social Worker.

2. SIP Claim Applications for 2022-2023

SIP applications were submitted on time on January 6, 2023 to the Ministry of Education Regional office in Thunder Bay. Applications for 13 students were submitted. If approved, our funding for Special Education will increase.

3. Kindergarten Registration 2022-2023

Official registration begins Monday, January 16. Advertising has begun and registration packages will be going out to all schools.

4. Jordan's Principle Approved Funding 2022-2023

Fifteen Educational Assistant applications were submitted and all have been approved and funding provided for by Jordan's Principle. Seven speech and language applications were also approved.

5. March Break Learning Camps: [AT Literacy](#) and [Coding/Robotics](#)

March Break Learning Camps are being offered virtually through LEARNstyle. The Coding/Robotics offered is geared for students in Grades 1 - 5. And the AT Literacy program is for students Grades 3-8.

6. Correspondence Received: None received

7. Service Provider Updates (if available):

Children's Centre Thunder Bay - Fred Schmidt

Everything is status quo.

Norwest Community Health Centre (FASD) - Maureen Parkes

Not available for update.

Dilico Anishinabek Family Care - Jennifer Moore

Not available for update.

George Jeffrey Children's Centre - Andrea Stach

A new BCBA, Board Certified Behavioral Analyst, has been hired with George Jeffrey Children's Centre. Clinical consultations for Speech & Language and Occupational Therapy are also being done for families who are waiting for services. Families can call the Centre to schedule an appointment for a clinical consultation that occurs Thursday afternoons.

Future Agenda Items

1. The Math Team will be presenting at our next meeting.

Other Matters

1. **Next Meeting Date:** February 14, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. via zoom

Adjournment

Resolution #15/22

Moved By: Andrea Stach

Seconded By: Fred Schmidt

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

Carried.

Originally signed by

SEAC Chairperson

Date

Originally signed by

SEAC Member

Date