



## Special Education Advisory Committee

### Present

- Kerry Desjardins - Superintendent of Education
- Judy Wawia (Chair) - Trustee - Aboriginal Representative
- Marline Ilijow - Trustee
- Fred Schmidt - Associate Director - Children's Centre, Thunder Bay
- Jennifer Moore - Dilico
- Maureen Parkes - FASP Coordinator, NW Community Health Centre
- Jennifer Niskanen - Parent

### Regrets

- Mary-Beth Minthorn-Biggs - Inclusive Education Clinician
- BJ Mercier - St. Hilary School Principal
- Margie Rondeau - NOSP
- Helen Gibbons - LHINS/SNCDSB Mental Health and Addictions Nurse
- Kristie Nicholas - NOSP - Nipigon
- Gilbert Rondeau - George Jeffrey Children's Centre

### Welcome and Opening Liturgy:

Kerry began the meeting with a prayer and read the statement of acknowledgment:

I would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather today is the ancestral territory of the Anishinaabe and the Metis. I wish to recognize and show respect to the long history and contributions of the First Nations and Metis Peoples in Ontario, as well as, the Inuit People of Canada.

## Agenda/Minutes:

### Resolution #07/17

Moved By: Marline Ilijow  
Seconded By: Fred Schmidt

**THAT** the agenda of the Special Education Advisory Committee teleconference meeting held on November 7, 2017 be accepted.

CARRIED

### Resolution #08/17

Moved By: Marline Ilijow  
Seconded By: Jennifer Moore

**THAT** the minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee teleconference meeting held on October 3, 2017 be accepted as amended.

CARRIED

## Business Arising Out of Minutes

### Board Presentation

#### 1. LDAO Website - [LD@schools](#)

Kerry shared the LD@schools website info and how it is the first resource of its kind that is dedicated to serving the needs of Ontario's educators. This website provides educators and families with information, resources, and research related to teaching students with learning disabilities. Everyone was encouraged to explore the website as it has access to the following online resources:

- Learning Modules
- Videos
- Podcasts
- Webinars
- Informational resources for: Assistive technology, wellbeing, accommodation, IEP's, Differentiation, and Transitions

## New Business

### 1. RSEC (Regional Special Education Committee)

Kerry shared how the RSEC Committee met on November 1st and 2nd in Thunder Bay and focused on sharing board priorities in regards to Special Education Programming and focuses within the board and in schools.

During the two day session, the members worked collaboratively to develop their capacity in developing SIP (Special Incidence Portion) claims for students, as well as various strategies for facilitating professional learning sessions for Special Education teachers and school leaders. As well, several of the Regional Directors shared information and gathered input on the NSI (Northern Supports Initiative)

### 2. Learning for All Session

On Friday, October 20th the Learning for All teachers met at Holy Angels School in Schreiber to discuss the important aspects of their role for 2017-2018. During this time, we explored the LD@schools website, the new DRAFT Special Education K-12 document and spent time discussing the tiered intervention data walls and how they will be used to inform our High Needs Data Charts

### 3. After School Program Update

We are happy to report that St. Martin School and St. Hilary School have found After School Program facilitators and the program is being prepared to begin in each of these schools. Our Lady of Lourdes is in the process of facilitator selection and unfortunately St. Joseph and St. Edward were unable to find facilitators for a program.

Once programs are underway we will continue to share highlights and experiences offered during the program.

### 4. Service Provider Updates (if available):

#### North of Superior Programs - Margie Rondeau

Not available for update

#### Community Care Access Centre - Helen Gibbons

Not available for update

#### George Jeffrey Children's Centre - Gilbert Rondeau

Not available for update

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

Fred shared that they have been working on the planning of the ARC (Attachment, Regulation, and Competency) Training being held on November 16th and 17th in

Thunder Bay. Due to the interest in this training they have had to close registration and have changed the original room venue.

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

Maureen did not have new updates to share today.

### Dilico Anishinabek Family Care - Jennifer Moore

Dilico is also engaging in the SNAP program within several of their communities and they have had several success stories. Jennifer indicated that she was excited that we were moving into the exciting venture of offering SNAP. Dilico was also happy to share that the psychologist that they work with, Dr. Christopher Mushquash has been inducted into the Royal Society of Canada's College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists.

Dilico offers supports in Longlac through a Wellness nurse, Georgina Red Sky. Jennifer will forward her contact information to see how we can work collaboratively with Dilico and Our Lady Fatima, as the LHINS do not currently offer any services in the Greenstone district.

## Future Agenda Items

1. ARC Training - Fred Schmidt

## Other Matters

1. **Next Meeting Date:** December 5, 2017

## Adjournment

### Resolution #09/17

Moved By: Marline Ilijow

Seconded By: Fred Schmidt

THAT we adjourn the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting at 9:35 am

CARRIED

*Originally signed by SEAC Chairperson and SEAC Member.*