



SEAC MEETING

(Special Education Advisory Committee)

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

5:30 p.m.

Catholic Education Centre (Face-to-Face)

MINUTES

PRESENT: Kay Gaffney, Child & Family Services of Timmins / Chair
Joel McCartney, Cochrane Temiskaming Resource Centre
William (Bill) Russell, Poverty Action Coalition
Dolores Butterworth, Parent Representative
Nancy Cole, Parent Representative
Elizabeth King, NCDSB Vice-Chair - Cochrane/Iroquois Falls
Steve Malciw, NCDSB Trustee, Kirkland Lake
Karen Rowe, Assistant to the Director of Education
Claire Lamarre-Goyer, Program Principal - Special Education
Dan Loreto, Special Assignment Teacher - Special Education
Judy Piché, Administrative Assistant / Recorder

EXCUSED: Kevin Duke, Canadian Mental Health Association
Marc Leroux, Parent Representative
Alana Loreto, Parent Representative
Paul Toffanello, Director of Education

GUESTS: Jane Petroni, Child and Family Services of Timmins
Catherine Hoven, Special Education Resource Teacher - St. Paul School

1. Opening Prayer

Kay Gaffney, Chair, welcomed everyone and led the group in a prayer. She also took the opportunity to thank Claire Lamarre-Goyer for her work on SEAC as she is retiring at the end of June.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED BY: B. Russell
SECONDED BY: D. Butterworth

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.
CARRIED.

3. Approval of Minutes

MOVED BY: D. Butterworth
SECONDED BY: N. Cole

THAT the minutes of the SEAC meeting held April 19, 2006 be approved as presented.
CARRIED.

4. Guest Speaker - Jane Petroni, Child and Family Services of Timmins

A powerpoint presentation was shown to the members by Jane Petroni of Child and Family Services of Timmins. She spoke about the Child Protection Transformation. Exciting changes are happening across the province and Ms. Petroni outlined key priorities in the area of child welfare and protection services. It was proposed that Ms. Petroni present to the school principals at their August meeting or in the Fall of 2006.

5. Guest Speaker - Catherine Hoven, Special Education Resource Teacher, St. Paul School

Catherine Hoven, a Special Education Resource Teacher at St. Paul School, elaborated on reading intervention programs implemented in our schools. She explained that the Soar to Success program is a successful program which accelerates students' reading capabilities while increasing their self-esteem.

6. CODE Project Update

Claire Lamarre-Goyer stated that the CODE Project is coming to an end. A monitoring team visited the Board on May 10th and gathered data to be given to a research team drafting a provincial report to be disclosed in the Fall. She added that she appreciated the partnership established between our Board and the Provincial Schools.

7. Special Education Funding

Claire Lamarre-Goyer mentioned that the Board will have to prepare the Special Education budget without the funding announcements from the Ministry.

8. Special Education Board Plan

Claire Lamarre-Goyer brought forward amendments to the Special Education Board Plan 2006-2007 and outlined all of the changes. She added that the Plan will not require major revisions next year, as in the past. The Ministry is looking at a new system of accountability in the area of program delivery.

MOVED BY: N. Cole
SECONDED BY: J. McCartney

THAT the Special Education Board Plan 2005-2007 be approved as presented.
CARRIED.

9. Agency Reports

Joel McCartney informed the members that Cochrane Temiskaming Resource Centre has moved to 600 Toke Street.

Kay Gaffney mentioned that a number of initiatives are in the works for Child and Family Services of Timmins and that these changes will be discussed in September.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 20, 2006 at 11:45 a.m. via video conference**. Please call Judy at (705) 268-7443 extension 3210 to confirm your attendance.

11. Other Business

Karen Rowe indicated that Claire Lamarre-Goyer was elected by her peers at a principals' meeting as Principal of the Year and received her award in Toronto at the Catholic Principals' Council of Ontario's Annual General Meeting. The Board chose to send all principals to honour her. She added that Claire is admired and respected by her colleagues and is congratulated for her contribution and dedication to the Board. A media release has been posted on our website demonstrating Claire's achievements.

12. Adjournment

MOVED BY: S. Malciw

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:10 p.m.
CARRIED.