



Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 26, 2017

11:45 a.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT: Kay Gaffney, North Eastern Ontario Family and Children's Services / Chair
Joel McCartney, Cochrane Temiskaming Resource Centre / Vice-Chair
Kim Bordignon, Children's Treatment Centre
William (Bill) Russell, The Lord's Kitchen
Natalie Parnell, Timmins Family Counselling Centre
Billie Richer, VOICE for Hearing Impaired
Elizabeth King, NCDSB Trustee
Daphne Brumwell, Superintendent of Education
Catherine Hoven, Special Assignment Teacher
Judy Piché, Education Services Officer / Recorder

EXCUSED: Mark Lionello, Canadian Mental Health Association
Val Toner, Community Living Timmins
Colleen Landers, NCDSB Vice-Chair

GUEST: Erica Raymond, Vice-Principal – St. Paul School

1. Welcome and Prayer

Chair Kay Gaffney welcomed everyone and led the group in prayer.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED BY: J. McCartney

SECONDED BY: K. Bordignon

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED.



3. Approval of Minutes

MOVED BY: K. Bordignon
SECONDED BY: B. Richer

THAT the minutes of March 29, 2017 be approved as presented.
CARRIED.

4. The Ontario Kindergarten Program

Erica Raymond made a short presentation about Full-Day Kindergarten. She mentioned that 11 NCDSB schools offer the Full-Day Kindergarten Program and our enrolment numbers have allowed for an early childhood educator to be assigned to each classroom in each school for the first time. She reviewed some of the key features of the new program document and made reference to the 4-Frames of Learning that are used by teachers to report on student achievement. A new report card template will be used for the June report card. It is very similar to the one we have been using for the last couple of school years.

5. March 31st Special Education Data

Daphne Brumwell shared the Special Education data by school. The chart provides information about the number of identified students in each school by category of exceptionality. It also provides information about the number of students who also receive special education services, but who are not formally identified, as well as the number of students with a non-identified IEP.

6. Parent/Student Satisfaction Survey

Catherine Hoven provided samples of the parent and student satisfaction survey, geared to students who are receiving special education services. The survey will be sent to parents in May and a summary of the results will be shared at the June meeting.

7. Timmins School Transition Update

Plans are well underway for the construction required to improve and expand St. Paul School as it transitions to the new Pope Francis Elementary School. Due to some construction complications, we are actually planning to have all the students from Kindergarten to Grade 4 use the Sacred Heart School building for the 2017-2018 school year. This will allow construction to happen in a more logical way, and ensure student and staff safety. We are just awaiting confirmation from the Ministry that we will be allowed to do this. We have already notified parents in both school communities and a public meeting will be held tonight at 6:30 pm at St. Paul School. Pictures will be shared at the next meeting.

8. Budget – Public Participation

Daphne Brumwell stated that although the public consultation process through the website is now over, SEAC members can still provide feedback by emailing Andrew Marks at amarks@ncdsb.on.ca. He will gladly take your ideas and add them to the information he received through the website so that we have it as we work through this year's budget. At the present time, we are not yet sure of how our funding from the Ministry has changed for the next school year. However, we have had the Supporting Transitions to the New Ontario Autism Program funds renewed for next year (\$66,334).

9. Special Education Plan 2017-2018

Daphne reported that we will begin the process of revising our Special Education Plan for the 2017-2018 school year. In preparation for this, the members were asked to review the current plan and be prepared to engage in an activity at our May meeting to help us determine the most important areas of focus for our plan moving forward.

10. Agency Reports

Bill Russell mentioned that an audit was completed at The Lord's Kitchen. A total of 16,522 meals were served by volunteers in 2016 to an average of 376 people, an increase over previous years. The average cost for a meal was \$4.58 for a total of \$75,921. He added that Domino's donated pizzas again last week.

Billie Richer reported that VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children is planning a family get together at Wolf Lodge on June 9th and 10th.

Kay Gaffney invited the members to a barbecue taking place at NEOFACS at noon on Friday, May 5th to celebrate Mental Health Week. Tickets are sold online or drop into the office.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 31, 2017 at 11:45 a.m. at the Northeastern Catholic District School Board or via videoconference.

12. Other Business

Daphne Brumwell mentioned that NCDSB Director of Education, Glenn Sheculski, is retiring at the end of June 2017. A celebration in his honour will be held on Wednesday, May 31st with a mass at 4 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish and an open house will follow at the Dante Club until 8 p.m. Tricia Stefanic Weltz was appointed Director of Education beginning July 1, 2017.

13. Adjournment

MOVED BY: B. Russell
THAT the meeting be adjourned at 1:00 p.m.
CARRIED.