



# Northeastern Catholic District School Board

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## **SEAC Meeting** **(Special Education Advisory Committee)**

**Tuesday, June 16, 2015**  
**11:45 a.m.**  
**Catholic Education Centre**

### **MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Kay Gaffney, North Eastern Ontario Family and Children's Services / Chair  
Pamela Stager, Cochrane Temiskaming Resource Centre  
Kim Bordignon, Children's Treatment Centre  
William (Bill) Russell, The Lord's Kitchen  
Billie Richer, VOICE for Hearing Impaired  
Elizabeth King, NCDSB Trustee  
Colleen Landers, NCDSB Trustee  
Daphne Brumwell, Superintendent of Education  
Catherine Hoven, Special Assignment Teacher  
Judy Piché, Administrative Assistant / Recorder

**EXCUSED:** Mark Lionello, Canadian Mental Health Association  
Beth Nowak, Cochrane District Social Services Administration Board  
Amanda Wessman, Community Living Timmins  
Natalie Parnell, Timmins Family Counselling Centre

#### **1. Welcome and Prayer**

Daphne Brumwell welcomed everyone and led the group in prayer.

#### **2. Approval of Agenda**

MOVED BY: E. King  
SECONDED BY: B. Richer

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.  
CARRIED.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

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

THAT the minutes of May 20, 2015 be approved as presented.  
CARRIED.

**4. SEAC Membership**

A discussion regarding the SEAC membership took place. The regulation emphasizes that in order to be a member of SEAC, parents must represent a local association or organization. Otherwise, they can attend as a public member at large. Daphne Brumwell will explore this matter with her colleagues from other school boards. Recruitment letters will be sent to local organizations in the Fall as usual. Communication on the board's website will be improved by ensuring more information about the membership and role of SEAC is provided to parents.

**5. Special Education Plan**

The members accepted the amendments to the Special Education Plan by way of motion.

MOVED BY: B. Russell  
SECONDED BY: K. Gaffney

THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board Special Education Advisory Committee accept the amendments to the Special Education Plan 2015-2016, as revised throughout the 2014-2015 school year.  
CARRIED.

**6. Agency Reports**

VOICE for Hearing Impaired is offering a family camp from August 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>. Billie Richer shared that it is an opportunity for VOICE families to come together for a weekend of fun activities and workshops.

Kim Bordignon mentioned that the Children's Treatment Centre has invited children with special needs to Camp Bickell. A recreational therapist will be on hand to assist. Some children will have the opportunity to camp overnight.

The Costello Community Care Centre, in conjunction with the Porcupine Health Unit, will offer cooking classes at The Lord's Kitchen in September. A number of people will be shown how to cook nutritional meals using ingredients they don't normally eat.

Colleen Landers stated that KidSport Timmins, along with Canadian Tire Jump Start, will offer a Sports Day on July 25<sup>th</sup> at the Archie Dillon Sportsplex Arena. The event will be free for all Timmins and area children willing to try different sports and they will be able to register for any sport available in the area.

**7. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at 11:45 a.m. at the Catholic Education Centre or via video conference.

**8. Other Business**

8.1 Letters from district school boards were distributed. The members also received a copy of a letter of response from the Minister of Education.

**9. Adjournment**

MOVED BY: K. Bordignon  
THAT the meeting be adjourned at 12:30 p.m.  
CARRIED.