



Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 30, 2018

11:45 a.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT: Joel McCartney, Cochrane Temiskaming Resource Centre / Chair
Kim Bordignon, Cochrane Temiskaming Children's Treatment Centre / Vice-Chair
Sharron Pountney, North Eastern Ontario Family and Children's Services
William (Bill) Russell, The Lord's Kitchen
Colleen Landers, NCDSB Vice-Chair
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
Billie Richer, VOICE for Hearing Impaired

GUESTS: Cathy Courville, Community Living Timmins
Lisa Lamarche, Community Living Timmins

1. Welcome and Prayer

Joel McCartney welcomed everyone and led the group in prayer.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED BY: C. Landers
SECONDED BY: K. Bordignon

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.
CARRIED.



3. Approval of Minutes

MOVED BY: K. Bordignon
SECONDED BY: C. Landers

THAT the minutes of April 18, 2018 be approved as presented.
CARRIED.

4. Cochrane District Childcare Resource Services

A presentation on the Cochrane District Childcare Resource Services (CDCRS) was given by Cathy Courville and Lisa Lamarche of Community Living Timmins. CDCRS is a program that works with community partners and agencies to facilitate early intervention and successful inclusion of children diagnosed with special needs, into licensed childcare programs throughout the district. They are responsible for evaluating the quality of special needs programming and use of resources for over 20 childcare centres from Timmins to Hearst. This includes ensuring the child care providers receive the support and professional development training they need to include all children in having positive early childhood education experiences. Inclusive Childcare Resource Consultants also provide support to families of children with special needs in obtaining necessary services, equipment, and case management.

CDCRS services are funded by Cochrane District Social Services Administration Board and delivered through Community Living Timmins. There is no charge to parents or childcare centres for using the consultation services and the child does not need a formal diagnosis to be referred. Referrals to the program can be made by childcare educators, parents, doctors, or therapists. Services are available in French and English.

The presenters mentioned that there are really good success stories already and their goal is to make sure no child is left behind by reducing systemic barriers. They will partner with school boards to facilitate training and to ensure inclusion through transition to school. Their intention is to hold "Family Nights" and "Lunch and Learns", and give parents *All About Me* binders to store all assessments, cards, information on child's IEP process, etc. They will collaborate with their partners to enhance services by creating policies and procedures for the childcare centres, provide semi-annual developmental assessments to all children in childcare centres, and enter into a relationship with EarlyOn Centres to provide consultations and strategies.

5. Special Education Funding 2018-2019

Daphne Brumwell explained that based on historical funding data, it appears as though we have had a substantial increase in Special Education Funding for 2018-2019. However, about \$430,000 of the variance under the Differentiated Special Education Needs Amount (DSENA) is related specifically to the creation of a Multi-Disciplinary Team. Though we are pleased with seeing even a small increase, we continue to fund Special Education services at a rate of just over 10% more than we receive in funding dollars annually.

Funding Category	16-17 RE	17-18 RE	18-19 RE	Variance
SEPPA	\$1,681,932	\$1,669,654	\$1,708,527	\$38,873
SEA	\$138,470	\$136,498	\$137,315	\$817
DSENA	\$2,505,295	\$2,428,897	\$2,893,828	\$464,931
Behaviour Expertise	\$91,222	\$92,542	\$97,807	\$5,265
Total	\$4,416,919	\$4,327,501	\$4,837,477	\$509,886

More information on the Special Education Funding will be shared with the members at the September 2018 meeting.

6. Integrated Services for Northern Children (ISNC) Funding

Daphne Brumwell reported that the board has received the 2018-2019 ISNC agreement for the same amount of funds we have been receiving for many, many years (\$194,310). We are the banker board for this initiative and work collaboratively with DSBONE to manage these funds. Between April 2017 and March 2018, we have spend the following using ISNC funds:

COST CATEGORY	AMOUNT
Psycho-Educational Assessments – 22 students	\$8,218.20
Language Services – 52 students	\$20,626.46
Orientation & Mobility Services – 4 students	\$990
Behavioural Services/Home Instruction – 7 individual students (1-1 support); roughly 40 students who have extra support during transition times.	\$19,595.34
Administrative Costs	\$14,437
TOTAL	\$63,867

7. Parents Reaching Out Grant Application

Daphne Brumwell shared that a decision was made not to move forward with a regional Parents Reaching Out (PRO) grant application at this time. She indicated that there is just not the time needed to give to this project in order to ensure it is both successful and impactful. We are hopeful we can reconsider an application next year. It was suggested by a member of SEAC that we consider having an ad-hoc committee be responsible for this next year. This item will be on the September SEAC Meeting agenda in order to plan for it prior to receiving the memo.

8. Special Education Plan

Daphne Brumwell reviewed the areas that will be updated and discussed some of the actions we hope to engage in over the next school year related to Special Education programs and services. The completed plan will be shared electronically before the meeting in June so that approval of the plan can be completed. The plan will be sent to the Ministry once SEAC's approval has been received.

9. Agency Reports

There were no agency reports.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting was changed to Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at 11:45 a.m. by teleconference.

11. Other Business

A letter from Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board was shared with the members.

12. Adjournment

MOVED BY: C. Landers
THAT the meeting be adjourned at 1:23 p.m.
CARRIED.