



Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee information meeting held on May 14, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the Board Office.

Present:

Administration: Theresa Bitonti, Special Education Coordinator
Jody Weller, Superintendent of Education

Trustees: Barb McCool
John Willemsen

Associations: Marie Derosier, LDAO, Member
Mary Grise, Parent Representative, Member
Tracy Hanzlik, Nipissing First Nation
Shannon O'Connor, CCCNIP, Member
Susan Wright, CAS, Member

Regrets: Jeannie Boissonneault, NDSS, Member
Dan Lachance, Community Living, Member
Jennifer Palangio, Secondary Curriculum Lead – Special Education
Tammy Rheaume-Fortin, HANDS, Member

1. PRAYER

Ms. Weller led the committee in prayer.

2. ROLL CALL/TRUSTEE ATTENDANCE

Roll call was completed.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Mary Grise and seconded by Shannon O'Connor THAT the agenda of Tuesday, May 14 2019 be approved as presented.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved John Willemsen and seconded by Mary Grise THAT the minutes of Tuesday, April 2, 2019 be approved as presented.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a) Program Presentation – May 14, 2019 (Numeracy)

The NPSCDSB Numeracy Facilitators – Fundamental of Mathematics and Supporting our LD Learners presentation highlighted the following:

- NPSC ENDS – Strategic Outcomes
- BIPSA Numeracy Goal
- NPSC Belief Statement
- Role of Numeracy Facilitator
- NPSC Focus on the Fundamentals of Math
- Leveraging Strengths and Supporting Needs
- Hands on Learning with Cuisenaire Rods
- Collaborative Inquiry at Holy Cross

b) Special Education Consultation Audit

Ms. Weller shared information on the Special Education Consultation Audit scheduled for 1 hr 15 min on June 10 or 11, 2019. SEAC is one of several stakeholder groups that will be invited to participate in the consultation. Ms. Weller will forward additional information and an invitation electronically. The consultation's 'next step' suggestions will be shared with SEAC upon release.

6. UPDATES

a) Budget

Ms. Weller shared that we have only received preliminary information regarding 2019-2020 funding, and nothing specific to NPSC. Depending on when this technical information is received, it may be necessary to schedule a (special) June Budget meeting.

b) Presentation to Board

Mrs. McCool shared that the presentation to the board was very well received and welcomed future sharing with an opportunity for additional time.

c) Carousel 2019 – Update

Ms. Bitonti shared current registration information and a review of the evening's agenda. Ms. Weller led the committee in organizing the evening's opening and closing remarks.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

a) SMCDSD: Letter to Minister Thompson, Minister of Education regarding support of Bill 64.

b) OCSTA: May 2, 2019 Memorandum regarding Ontario Government Consultation on Autism Program.

c) TDSB: Letter to Minister Thompson, Minister of Education regarding Exclusion of Students with Disabilities from School.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

a) Board Report

i) Superintendent's Update:

As the board representative, Ms. Weller shared the Special Education Report. Highlights included:

- Early Years Financial Literacy Program Research Pilot with Nipissing University.
- Speech and Language Update
- SJSH Bears Special Olympics

Ms. Weller encourages SEAC to review regular updates provided by the Ontario government at: <http://news.ontario.ca/newsroom/en>. This site will provide updates to all government programs and services, including education. Contact her with any questions or clarifications.

ii) Coordinator's Update:

NIL Report

iii) Secondary Curriculum Lead Update:

Nil Report

b) Association Reports

i) LDAO – Marie Derosier, Member

NIL Report

ii) Parent Representative – Mary Grise, Member

NIL Report

iii) Shannon O'Connor, CCCNIP, Member

Ms. O'Connor shared that referrals have increased recently and the agency continues to assist families in system navigation.

iv) Susan Wright, CAS, Member

Ms. Wright shared that CAS will go live with a new updated linked system next week.

v) Tracy Hanzlik, NFN

NIL Report

9. QUESTIONS & ANSWERS / OTHER

NIL

10. DATE OF NEXT SEAC MEETING

June 11, 2019

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mary Grise and seconded by Susan Wright THAT the meeting of May 14, 2019 was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.