



Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting held on January 14, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at the Board Office.

Present:

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

Trustees: Barbara McCool
Jacques Begin (Alternate)

Associations: Dan Lachance, Community Living, Member
Jeannie Boissonneault, NDSS, Member
Marie Derosier, LDAO, Member
Mary Grise, Parent Representative, Member
Tracy Hanzlik, Nipissing First Nation

Regrets: Jennifer Palangio, Curriculum Lead – SJSH
Shannon O'Connor, CCCNIP
Susan Wright, CAS
Tammy Rheume-Fortin, HANDS
John Willemsen, Trustee

1. PRAYER

Ms. Weller led the committee in prayer.

2. ROLL CALL/TRUSTEE ATTENDANCE

Roll call was completed.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Jeannie Boissonneault and seconded by Dan Lachance THAT the agenda of Tuesday, January 14 2020 be approved as presented.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Barbara McCool and seconded by Dan Lachance THAT the minutes of December 10, 2019 be approved as presented.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Presentation – Educational Technologies @ NPSC by P. Anello (Technology Enabled Learning Facilitator) & S. Andrusiek (English Catholic Coordinator)
The opportunities for students to use technology has become more commonplace in today's classrooms with the wide variety of programs, initiatives and resources now available at the NPSCDSB. The presentation provided SEAC with an overview of:
 - various educational technologies,
 - how these education technologies provide differentiated opportunities to students allowing them to demonstrate their learning using a variety of methods,
 - how the use of technology in the classroom fosters the development of the Catholic Graduate Expectations and 21st Century Global Competencies in our students; and
 - the many ways that technology can be integrated seamlessly into the curriculum.
- b) NPSC Multi-Year Accessibility Plan 2017-2022
Ms. Weller shared the DRAFT multi-year accessibility plan and highlighted its contents. Consultation with SEAC occurs in the development and review of accessibility policies and the multi-year accessibility plan to ensure that policies, procedures and practices are consistent with the principles of accessibility and inclusive/universal design. SEAC was encouraged to review the document and provide Ms. Weller with feedback.
- c) Carousel
The first Carousel Evening subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at the NPSC Board Office – Meeting Room 2.
- d) Special Education Services – A Guide for Parents and Students
The first Parent Guide subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at the NPSC Board Office – Meeting Room 2.

6. CORRESPONDANCE

- a) Durham DSB Letter to Minister of Education, Honourable Stephen Lecce

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

- a) Board Report
 - i) Superintendent's Update
Ms. Weller shared the following information:
 - SJSH – Saturday Night Fever: January 16 & 17 at 7 PM at SJSH
 - SJSH Senior Visual Art Gallery Opening Night: January 22 between 5:30 – 7:30 PM

-PA Day - January 31, 2020: NPSC teaching and support staff will be engaged in a variety of school based activities (i.e. assessment, evaluation, preparation for second semester and health & safety, etc.).

-Autism Training – Ms. Weller shared the details of the Ontario Educator Online Autism Training Program funded through the Ontario Ministry of Education.

-Labour Update – Ms. Weller shared the details of the current labour relations and encouraged SEAC to continue to visit the NPSC website, social media and/or Twitter for updates.

- ii) Coordinator's Update:
NIL Report

b) Association Reports

- i) Community Living – Dan Lachance, Member
A 65th Anniversary Celebration will be held on Sunday January 19, 2020 at the Callander Sports Centre. Dan encourage SEAC members to attend.
- ii) Nipissing First Nation – Tracey Hanzlik, Member
NIL Report
- iii) LDAO – Marie Derosier, Member
NIL Report
- iv) Parent Representative – Mary Grise, Member
NIL Report
- v) NDSS – Jeannie Boissonneault, Member
NIL Report

8. QUESTIONS & ANSWERS / OTHER

- a) Nil

9. DATE OF NEXT SEAC MEETING

The next SEAC meeting will be on February 11, 2020 in the Board Office Board Room at 5:30 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Jeannie Boissonneault and seconded by Dan Lachance the meeting of Tuesday January 14, 2020 adjourned at 7:05 p.m.