

Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting held on November 10, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. via Microsoft Teams Meeting.

Present:

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

Trustees: John Willemsen

Associations: Community Living – April Porter, Alternate
Nipissing First Nation – Tracey Hanzlik, Member
LDAO – Marie Derosier, Member
Parent Representative – Mary Grise, Member
NDSS – Jeannie Boissonneault, Member

Regrets: Barbara McCool, 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 John Willemsen and seconded by Mary Grise THAT the agenda of November 10, 2020 be approved as presented.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mary Grise and seconded by Tracey Hanzlik THAT the minutes of October 13, 2020 be approved as presented.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Blind/Low Vision Itinerant Teacher Presentation

Mrs. Lynn Bernardi shared the role of the vision itinerant teacher including:

- the definition of a student who is blind/low vision
- how vision support is initiated
- who receives the support of a vision itinerant teacher
- the current vision caseload
- the three levels (monitor, program & direct) and models of support provided

- the multidisciplinary student support team including family, teacher, educational assistant, OT, PT, CNIB Orientation & Mobility ,W Ross MacDonald PDS etc.
- the expanded core curriculum (ECC)
- vision student profiles

6. UPDATES

a) Parent Guide DEFERRED

b) New Membership

SEAC welcomed April Porter, the Community Living North Bay alternate. Ms. Weller shared with SEAC, Regulation 464/97, which outlines the Ministry of Education SEAC Membership guidelines. SEAC was encouraged to view the related information posted on www.edu.gov.on.ca. SEAC discussed the timing of new membership recruitment and aligning the process with the new board in January. SEAC discussed reviewing a list of potential community partners as well as reviewing a draft copy of an invitation letter at the December SEAC meeting.

7. CORRESPONDENCE NIL

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

a) Board Report

Superintendent's Update

- Ms. Weller shared special education data with the committee, which included:
 - Total Enrolment & Special Education Enrolment (Elementary & Secondary),
 - Not Formally & Formally Identified (Elementary & Secondary), Special Education Overview – Who We Service (Elementary & Secondary), Exceptionality Breakdown (Elementary & Secondary),
- Ms. Weller shared EQAO results have been deferred due to the current health crisis.
- Ms. Weller updated SEAC regarding the SIP application process. NPSC recently received communication from the Ministry of Education indicating the 2020-2021 SIP process has changed. 2019-2020 claims do not need resubmission. New student (2020-2021) SIPS are eligible to be submitted however the process will be temporarily revised. NPSC will be provided with the same base allocation that was received last year for the SIP claim process.
- November 16, 2020 is the next date to transition switch to/from virtual learning to in person learning. There has been a trend towards an increase in requests to return to in person learning.
- November 20, 2020 is a professional development day for staff.

Coordinator's Update:

Ms. Bitonti updated SEAC regarding prioritizing the IPRC process within all schools including the virtual learning environment as well as working creatively to provide special education supports for student participating in remote learning.

b) Association Reports

1. Nipissing First Nation – Tracy Hanzlik, Member
NIL Report
2. LDAO – Marie Derosier, Member
NIL Report
3. Community Living – April Porter, Alternate
Giving Tuesday is a global movement for giving and volunteering, taking place each year after Black Friday. It is a time when charities, companies, and individuals join together and rally for important causes. This year Community Living North Bay will be supporting 2 local charities through our Giving Tuesday campaign, North Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre, and H.O.P.E's Kitchen (Heroes).
4. Parent Representative – Mary Grise, Member
NIL Report
5. NDSS - Jeannie Boissonneault, Member
NIL Report

9. QUESTIONS & ANSWERS / OTHER
NIL

10. DATE OF NEXT SEAC MEETING
The next SEAC meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2020 at 5:30 pm via Microsoft Teams.

11. ADJOURNMENT
Moved by Mary Grise and seconded by John Willemsen the meeting of November 10, 2020 adjourn at 7:10 p.m.