



Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting held on June 14, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. via Microsoft Teams Meeting.

**Present:**

**Administration:** Theresa Bitonti, Special Education Coordinator  
Frank Ricciuti, SJSH LAC Teacher/Curriculum Lead  
Jody Weller, Superintendent of Education

**Trustees:** John Willemsen  
Barbara McCool

**Associations:** April Porter, Community Living North Bay, Alternate  
Corry Thomas, One Kids Place, Member  
Marie Derosier, LDAO, Member  
Caroline Labrecque, Nipissing First Nation, Member

**Regrets:** Mary Grise, Parent Representative, Member  
Jeannie Boissonneault, NDSS, Member

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**1. PRAYER**

Ms. Weller shared a “Prayer for Our Students” and Land Acknowledgement.

**2. ROLL CALL/TRUSTEE ATTENDANCE**

Roll call was completed.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by Barb McCool and seconded by Caroline Labrecque THAT the agenda of June 14, 2022 be approved as presented.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Barb McCool and seconded by Caroline Labrecque THAT the minutes of May 10, 2022 be approved as presented.

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

### a) 2022-2023 Preliminary Special Education Projected Revenue

Ms. Barnhardt, Superintendent of Business & Treasurer presented the 2022-2023 Preliminary Special Education Projected Revenue. Highlights included:

- Grants for Student Needs (GSN) including Pupil Foundation Grant, Special Purpose Grants, and 6 Special Education Allocations: Special Education Per Pupil Amount (SEPPA), Differentiated Special Education Needs Allocation (DSENA), Special Equipment Amount (SEA), Special Incidence Portion (SIP), Education & Community Partnership Program (ECP) and Behavior Expertise Amount (BEA).
- Special Education – Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Training Amount
- Overall GSN estimates as well as additional special education supports such as additional qualification subsidy, summer learning supports, mental health supports and tutoring allocation.

### b) 2022-2023 Preliminary Proposed Expenditures

Ms. Weller, Superintendent of Education presented the 2022-2023 Proposed Preliminary Proposed Expenditures. Highlights included:

- NPSC Achieving Our Ends, NPSC Mission, NPSC Philosophy & Beliefs, Serving Our Students, Total Board Enrolment, Board Enrolment Comparative, NPSC Overview – Who We Serve, Breakdown by Exceptionality, Exceptionality Comparative, Special Education 2022-2023 Priorities, Special Education Programs and Services, Education and Community Partnership Program, Mental Health & Well-Being: Student Support Services, Programs and Services for 2022-2023, Required Level of Support for 2022-2023 and Total Proposed Budget 2022-2023, Special Education and Mental Health & Well Being: 2022-2023 Proposed Areas of Growth.

### **Recommendation**

Moved by Marie Derosier and seconded by Caroline Labrecque THAT the Proposed Preliminary 2022-2023 Special Education Budget be presented to the Board of Trustees.

## 6. UPDATES

Committee members voted unanimously in favour of continuing to meet virtually, using Microsoft Teams for the 2022-2023 school year. A survey will follow in order to capture those committee members absent from the meeting. SEAC is planning for a virtual September meeting.

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Weller shared the following correspondence:

- a) Early ON Community Living communication via email on June 13, 2022.
- b) Letter from Nipissing First Nation re: Letter of Support via email on June 13, 2022.

## 8. INFORMATION ITEMS

### a) Board Report

i) Superintendent's Update  
Deferred

ii) Coordinator's Update:

Ms. Bitonti shared that NPSC is in the process of gathering referrals for the Special Education 2022-2023 Summer Programs:

Evidence – Based Reading Intervention

- On site early intervention for struggling readers entering Grades 1 to 3
- Building foundational reading skills and phonemic & phonological awareness
- Embedding social emotional learning skills

Summer Programming for Students with Complex Needs

- Offering on site, hands on activities led by qualified teachers and a team of paraprofessionals both at elementary and secondary level
- Provide opportunities to build communication and socialization skills geared to promoting continuity of success
- Activities include baking, dance, crafts, music , yoga all which emphasize participation, turn taking and following directions as well as overall school engagement
- Literacy activities will be embedded
- Opportunities to offer more individualized supports within learning environment to students unable to access group activities

iii) Secondary Lead's Update:

Mr. Ricciuti shared the following information:

- SJSH students are preparing for the exam period (June 20-June 24) with accommodations and support staff provided for those who may require assistance
- Transition visits have occurred in-person the last two months with our feeder schools
- Summer transition program will run at SJSH and are currently in the process of completing referrals (August 15-August 26)
- Special Olympics BBQ fundraiser occurred during Elementary School Track & Field
- Academic awards occurred June 7 with students from our LAC program and mainstream special needs population winning various awards.
- We have confirmed the development of an athletic award that will be given to a student in the LAC program next year.

**b) Association Reports**

- i) LDAO – Marie Derosier, Member  
Ms. Weller shared the June LDAO SEAC Circular via email on May 6, 2022.
- ii) Community Living North Bay – April Porter, Alternate  
NIL Report
- iii) One Kids Place – Corry Thomas, Member  
NIL Report
- iv) Nipissing First Nation – Caroline Labrecque, Member  
NIL Report

**9. QUESTIONS & ANSWERS / OTHER**

NIL

**10. DATE OF NEXT SEAC MEETING**

The next SEAC meeting is scheduled for September 20, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. via Teams.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by John Willemsen and seconded by Caroline Labrecque THAT the meeting of June 14, 2022 adjourned at 7:29 p.m.