



SEAC MEETING

(Special Education Advisory Committee)

Wednesday, May 28, 2008

11:45 a.m.

Catholic Education Centre

MINUTES

PRESENT: Kay Gaffney, Child & Family Services of Timmins / Chair
Joel McCartney, Cochrane Temiskaming Resource Centre / Vice-Chair
Nancy Cole, Canadian National Institute of the Blind
Neil Iserhoff, Aboriginal Community
Rick Brassard, NCDSB Chair
Steve Malciw, NCDSB Trustee
Tricia Stefanic Weltz, Supervisor - Student Services/Student Success
Dan Loreto, Special Assignment Teacher - Student Services
Shelley McGee, Recorder

EXCUSED: Dolores Butterworth, Timmins Transition Committee
William (Bill) Russell, The Lord's Kitchen
Marc Leroux, Easter Seal Society
Marc Lionello, Canadian Mental Health
Karen Rowe, Superintendent of Education
Judy Piché, Administrative Assistant / Recorder

GUEST: Marie Rouleau, Integrated Services for Northern Children (ISNC)

1. Opening Prayer

Kay Gaffney welcomed everyone and led the group in prayer.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED BY: N. Cole
SECONDED BY: S. Malciw

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.
CARRIED.

3. Approval of Minutes

MOVED BY: N. Iserhoff
SECONDED BY: N. Cole

THAT the minutes of the SEAC meeting held April 16, 2008 be approved as presented.
CARRIED.

4. Guest: Marie Rouleau, Program Manager, ISNC

Kay welcomed Marie Rouleau, from the Child and Family Services. Marie spoke about the Integrated Services for Northern Children (ISNC). The background of the organization and elements of the new future directions were presented. It was determined that another presentation may occur during the 2008-2009 school year to inform members of the Intensive Service Coordination which now replaces the former ISNC model.

5. DELTA & OPA Final Reports

Tricia advised SEAC that the final reports for the above-named projects will be submitted at the end of June. Correspondence was just received by OPA informing school boards that a minimum of \$10,000.00 will be available through an application process again next year. Further details were not available at the time of the meeting. Dan spoke about how this money has helped our students, and the positive outcomes that our two projects have had on instructional and intervention practices to support student achievement.

6. Education for All Consultation Session in North Bay

Tricia shared that a team of 12 representatives from across our district attended this regional consultation session. The team engaged in various reflective tasks with colleagues from across the northeast region to determine how the current document can be revised to meet the needs of all learners from Junior Kindergarten to grade 12. Rick Brassard stated that he thoroughly enjoyed the experience of working with his regional counterparts to share their perspective and ideas for enhancement to the document.

7. Budget 2008-2009

Tricia mentioned that they are in the process of establishing the projected budget for the 2008-2009 school year. Tricia explained the different avenues as to where some of the money will be used. Tricia asked the SEAC committee members for any recommendations. A request was made that SEAC have the opportunity to review the projected budget via email.

8. Board Plan / Revised Forms

The review process this month focused on the various special education forms within the board plan. Work continues to be done in this regard to ensure that forms are consistent and current across the district. Efforts to revise the parent guide will occur throughout the summer. All forms and guides will be available electronically on the NCDSB website.

MOVED BY: N. Cole
SECONDED BY: N. Iserhoff

That the Northeastern Catholic District School Board Special Education Advisory Committee accept the amendments to the Special Education Plan as revised throughout the 2007-2008 school year.
CARRIED.

9. **Agency Reports**

No reports were given at this time.

10. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 17, 2008 at 11:45 a.m.

11. **Other Business**

Rick Brassard mentioned that he is still doing some research on the Aboriginal representation for the committee. He stated that school boards can appoint an Aboriginal representative as per the Education Acts and Regulations.

12. **Adjournment**

MOVED BY: T. Wertz

That the meeting be adjourned at 12:40 p.m.
CARRIED.