



## **SEAC MEETING**

(Special Education Advisory Committee)

Wednesday, January 16, 2008

11:45 a.m.

Catholic Education Centre

## **MINUTES**

**PRESENT:**

- Kay Gaffney, Child & Family Services of Timmins / Chair
- Dolores Butterworth, Timmins Transition Committee
- Nancy Cole, Canadian National Institute of the Blind
- Neil Iserhoff, Aboriginal Community
- Marc Leroux, Easter Seal Society
- Joel McCartney, Cochrane Temiskaming Resource Centre
- William (Bill) Russell, Poverty Action Coalition
- Rick Brassard, NCDSB Chair
- Steve Malciw, NCDSB Trustee
- Tricia Stefanic Weltz, Supervisor - Student Services/Student Success
- Judy Piché, Administrative Assistant / Recorder

**EXCUSED:**

- Marc Lionello, Canadian Mental Health
- Dan Loreto, Special Assignment Teacher - Student Services
- Karen Rowe, Superintendent of Education

1. **Opening Prayer**

Kay Gaffney wished everyone a Happy New Year and led the group in prayer.

2. **Introduction of Members**

The new members of SEAC were welcomed by Kay Gaffney followed by a round-table introduction.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

MOVED BY: N. Cole  
SECONDED BY: B. Russell

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.  
CARRIED.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

MOVED BY: J. McCartney  
SECONDED BY: B. Russell

THAT the minutes of the SEAC meeting held December 19, 2007 be approved as presented.  
CARRIED.

**5. Election of Vice-Chair**

Kay Gaffney, Chair of SEAC, opened the nomination process. Joel McCartney was the successful nominee to the position of Vice-Chair of SEAC.

**Motion**

MOVED BY: N. Cole  
SECONDED BY: D. Butterworth

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the members of Northeastern Catholic District School Board's Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) appoint Joel McCartney as Vice-Chair of SEAC for the 2007-2008 school year.

**CARRIED**

**6. Orientation Powerpoint**

Tricia Stefanic Weltz presented a quick review of the roles and responsibilities of SEAC. Kay Gaffney thanked her for a fantastic presentation and congratulated the Board personnel who have spent a tremendous amount of time working with changes and regulations. A self-evaluation will be conducted at the end of this school year to determine if the work of SEAC has been accomplished.

**7. Special Education Board Plan - Sections 1 & 2**

SEAC members reviewed Sections 1 & 2 of the Special Education Board Plan. Members were then asked to review part of Section 3 which will be tackled at the next meeting.

**8. Agency Reports**

Easter Seals is providing summer camp programs for children and youth who have a physical disability. More details on individual and family camps can be found on the Easter Seals website at <http://www.easterseals.org>. Marc Leroux will forward this information to schools through Tricia Stefanic Weltz.

The Canadian National Institute for the Blind's Annual Crocus Sale will take place from February 4-14, 2008. The CNIB Lottery is back featuring 1 in 5 odds of winning fabulous cash, cars and travel prizes. Rules and regulations are explained on the CNIB website at <http://www.cnib.ca/en/ontario>. Nancy Cole also talked about the CNIB SCORE Summer Program, a unique summer experience for 16 to 18 year olds with vision loss from across Canada who are in their final two years of secondary school. Application deadline is March 10, 2008.

Bill Russell mentioned that the Poverty Action Coalition is establishing a pilot project. More information will be available in February. He added that young students from various schools are visiting the Lord's Kitchen on a more regular basis.

The Timmins Transition Committee has launched an innovative project thanks to a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. The three-year grant will support the development and implementation of a community-wide framework for service delivery. Children and young people with special needs and their families will be provided with seamless access to services and support in Timmins and area.

Kay Gaffney will provide some information at the next meeting on a new initiative of the Child and Family Services of Timmins.

**9. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 20, 2008 at 11:45 a.m.** Please call Judy Piché at (705) 268-7443 extension 3210 to confirm your attendance.

**10. Other Business - Nil**

**11. Adjournment**

MOVED BY: N. Cole

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 12:50 p.m.  
CARRIED.

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