



SEAC MEETING

(Special Education Advisory Committee)

Wednesday, October 19, 2011

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
 - Kim Bordinon, Children's Treatment Centre
 - Marc Lionello, Canadian Mental Health Association
 - William (Bill) Russell, the Lord's Kitchen
 - Amanda Wessman, Community Living Timmins
 - Elizabeth King, NCDSB Trustee
 - Colleen Landers, NCDSB Trustee
 - Dan Loreto, Special Assignment Teacher
 - Tricia Stefanic Weltz, Superintendent of Education
 - Judy Piché, Administrative Assistant / Recorder
- EXCUSED:**
- Nancy Cole, Canadian National Institute of the Blind
- GUEST:**
- Mary-Lou Pollon, Manager of Financial Services

1. **Welcome and Prayer**

Kay Gaffney welcomed everyone and led the group in prayer.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

MOVED BY: E. King
SECONDED BY: J. McCartney

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.
CARRIED.

3. **Approval of Minutes**

MOVED BY: K. Bordignon

SECONDED BY: B. Russell

THAT the minutes of the SEAC meeting held on September 20, 2011 be approved as presented.
CARRIED.

4. **Elections – Chair and Vice-Chair**

To ensure alignment with SEAC regulations, an election of the Chair and Vice-Chair was conducted. It was indicated that Tricia Stefanic Weltz and Judy Piché had volunteered to be Scrutineers should the need arise.

ELECTION OF CHAIR

Tricia Stefanic Weltz opened the nomination process.

1st Call for Nominations

Elizabeth King nominated Kay Gaffney as Chair of SEAC. Bill Russell seconded the nomination.

2nd Call for Nominations – Nil

3rd Call for Nominations – Nil

Tricia Stefanic Weltz declared the nominations closed and declared Kay Gaffney, Chair of SEAC for the 2011-2012 school year.

Motion

MOVED BY: E. King

SECONDED BY: B. Russell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the members of Northeastern Catholic District School Board's Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) appoint Kay Gaffney as Chair of SEAC for the 2011-2012 school year.

CARRIED.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

Kay Gaffney opened the nomination process.

1st Call for Nominations

Kim Bordignon nominated Joel McCartney as Vice-Chair of SEAC. Marc Lionello seconded the nomination.

2nd Call for Nominations – Nil

3rd Call for Nominations – Nil

Kay Gaffney declared the nominations closed and declared Joel McCartney, Vice-Chair of SEAC for the 2011-2012 school year.

Motion

MOVED BY: K. Bordignon

SECONDED BY: M. Lionello

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 2011-2012 school year.

CARRIED.

5. **Update on Special Education Funding**

Mary-Lou Pollon, Manager of Financial Services, presented the Special Education budget which is based on enrolment and projections. The budget continues to remain in a deficit as costs for services are increasing. Kay Gaffney thanked Mary-Lou for her presentation.

6. **Speech and Language Update**

The Ministry of Children and Youth Services, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and the Ministry of Education issued an Expression of Interest to agencies and district school boards who currently receive government funding to deliver speech and/or language services to children/students. Concerns have been raised about how speech and language services are currently provided. NCDSB has an opportunity to partner with local agencies and participate in demonstration sites to deliver integrated speech and language services for children/students from birth to the end of Grade 3. Dan Loreto will provide more information in this regard at a future meeting.

7. **Sagonaska Training – Five Years Later**

Five years ago, NCDSB partnered with the Provincial Demonstration Trillium School and received training on interventions for students with learning disabilities. Dan Loreto informed the members that the intervention methods are still being used successfully by trained teachers at St. Paul School.

8. **Leveled Literacy Intervention – System Direction**

Success is achieved through the Leveled Literacy Intervention system. A specific number of students with profound literacy needs are targeted through this system. The progress of the students is being tracked in more detailed ways as we pursue work in this regard, and we are now able to explore new opportunities to better extend our efforts to meet the needs of even more students. The focus this year is to find ways to bring the system into classrooms to ensure continued student success.

9. **Developmental Services Ontario**

The Ministry of Children and Youth Services and the Ministry of Community and Social Services are working in partnership with service providers on a transitional age youth regional protocol to improve transition planning for young people with developmental disabilities from age 14 or earlier, who are preparing for their transition to adulthood and residing or receiving services in the MCSS/MCYS districts of Temiskaming, Cochrane North, Cochrane South, Nipissing, Parry Sound and Muskoka. Dan Loreto will provide an overview of this protocol to resource teachers at their next meeting.

10. **Agency Reports**

Amanda Wessman mentioned that Community Living Timmins and Cochrane Temiskaming Resource Centre have partnered with MCYS and MCSS to help develop the transitional age youth regional protocol.

The Lord's Kitchen's 25th Anniversary was very successful. The number of people eating at the Lord's Kitchen has increased with 575 plates served at Thanksgiving.

Child & Family Services of Timmins is working hard on the amalgamation process and establishing new programs particularly with the outside areas. Kay Gaffney will provide an update at the next meeting.

11. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Friday, November 25, 2011 at 11:45 a.m. at the Catholic Education Centre or via video conference.

12. **Other Business** - Nil

13. **Adjournment**

MOVED BY: T. Stefanic Weltz

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