



# Northeastern Catholic District School Board

*"Living our Catholic Faith to shape success for all of our learners"*

## **SEAC Meeting** **(Special Education Advisory Committee)**

**Tuesday, June 14, 2016**  
**12:00 p.m.**  
**Catholic Education Centre**

### **MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Joel McCartney, Cochrane Temiskaming Resource Centre / Vice-Chair  
Beth Nowak, Cochrane District Social Services Administration Board  
Kim Bordignon, Children's Treatment Centre  
Val Toner, Community Living Timmins  
Natalie Parnell, Timmins Family Counselling Centre  
Billie Richer, VOICE for Hearing Impaired  
Fred Salvador, NCDSB Trustee  
Daphne Brumwell, Superintendent of Education  
Judy Piché, Education Services Officer / Recorder

**EXCUSED:** Kay Gaffney, North Eastern Ontario Family and Children's Services / Chair  
Mark Lionello, Canadian Mental Health Association  
William (Bill) Russell, The Lord's Kitchen  
Elizabeth King, NCDSB Trustee  
Catherine Hoven, Special Assignment Teacher

**1. Welcome and Prayer**

Vice-Chair Joel McCartney welcomed everyone and led the group in prayer.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

MOVED BY: V. Toner  
SECONDED BY: K. Bordignon

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.  
CARRIED.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

MOVED BY: K. Bordignon  
SECONDED BY: N. Parnell

THAT the minutes of May 25, 2016 be approved as presented.  
CARRIED.

**4. Amendments to the Special Education Plan**

A list of amendments to the Special Education Plan was shared by Daphne Brumwell. A final version of the Plan will be sent to the members and posted on the Board's website. The members accepted the amendments to the Plan by way of motion.

MOVED BY: V. Toner  
SECONDED BY: B. Nowak

THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board Special Education Advisory Committee accept the amendments to the Special Education Plan 2016-2017, as revised throughout the 2015-2016 school year.  
CARRIED.

**5. Agency Reports**

Beth Nowak mentioned that the guidelines for the Ontario Early Years Child and Family Centres will be out within the next month or so. In the Fall, the planning will begin to transform the existing Ontario Early Years Centres, family resource centres and literacy programs into the new Ontario Early Years Child and Family Centres.

Billie Richer reported that VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children ran into a little bit of financial trouble. The agency is phasing out paid staff and running the organization based on volunteers.

**6. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 11:45 a.m. at the Catholic Education Centre or via video conference.

**7. Other Business**

Daphne Brumwell expressed her appreciation to the members for their commitment throughout the school year and thanked them for their helpful feedback.

**8. Adjournment**

MOVED BY: N. Parnell  
THAT the meeting be adjourned at 12:25 p.m.  
CARRIED.