



Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, June 14, 2017

11:45 a.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT: Joel McCartney, Cochrane Temiskaming Resource Centre / Vice-Chair
Genevieve Lemieux, Canadian Mental Health Association
Kim Bordignon, Cochrane Temiskaming Children's Treatment Centre
Val Toner, Community Living Timmins
Billie Richer, VOICE for Hearing Impaired
Elizabeth King, NCDSB Trustee
Daphne Brumwell, Superintendent of Education
Catherine Hoven, Special Assignment Teacher
Judy Piché, Education Services Officer / Recorder

EXCUSED: Kay Gaffney, North Eastern Ontario Family and Children's Services / Chair
William (Bill) Russell, The Lord's Kitchen
Natalie Parnell, Timmins Family Counselling Centre
Colleen Landers, NCDSB Vice-Chair

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: E. King

THAT the minutes of April 26, 2017 be approved as presented.
CARRIED.

4. Special Needs Strategy

Daphne Brumwell reported that due to geography, our board has actually been participating on 3 regional steering committees for the Special Needs strategy – Cochrane/Timiskaming, James Bay and Sudbury/Manitoulin. This process began 3 years ago and all committees are currently attempting to finalize their rehabilitation proposals. We have been most active on the Cochrane/Timiskaming group due to the fact that the largest number of students reside in this region of our board. At the present time, this group is attempting to finalize their terms of reference, establish a community of practice for the speech language pathologists, occupational therapists and physiotherapists who will be impacted most by this new service delivery model. Though our position as a district school board has been one that will support whatever is best for our students and their families, we do have some concerns about issues that may arise from the requirement that services be provided 12 months a year, and the potential impact on classroom teachers with the tiered approach. We have been vocal about these concerns and are confident that a resolution will be reached. Final proposals are due to the Ministry around the end of November. For more information about this strategy, please see <http://www.children.gov.on.ca/htdocs/English/professionals/specialneeds/strategy.aspx>.

5. ISNC Funding 2017-2018

NCDSB's ISNC funding will remain stable for the 2017-2018 school year and we continue to be the banker board for this initiative. This means that we are responsible for dispersing the money allocated to DSBONE each year. Our share of this funding will be \$63,867. Daphne Brumwell mentioned that we continue to use these funds to support a variety of services to students – transitional EAs, support over the lunch hour for students in need, speech & language assessments and therapy, orientation and mobility services, and psychological assessments. This funding can only be used for the areas outside of the City of Timmins. Prior to the 2017 fiscal year, this funding has always flowed from the Ministry of Children and Youth Services. It has since been moved to the Ministry of Education.

6. Special Education Funding Memo from the Ministry of Education

Daphne shared the very detailed Special Education Funding memo with the members. See the chart below for a comparison of funding year over year:

Funding Category	16-17 RE	17/18 E	Variance
SEPPA	\$ 1,681,932	\$ 1,669,654	(\$ 12,368)
SEA	\$ 138,470	\$ 136,498	(\$ 1,972)
DSENA	\$ 2,505,295	\$ 2,428,897	(\$ 76,398)
Behaviour Expertise	\$ 91,222	\$ 92,542	\$ 1,320
Total	\$ 4,416,919	\$ 4,327,501	(\$ 89,418)

7. Transition Update

Plans continue to unfold for the additional learning spaces being added to St. Paul School. Staff is currently organizing for the move from St. Paul to Sacred Heart for the 17-18 school year. Finalized plans are in the process of being approved by the Ministry so that building can begin. The Shovel in the Ground Ceremony is scheduled to take place on Monday, June 26th at 11:00 am. Daphne Brumwell showed the members pictures of the new school.

8. Resetting Mathematical Mindsets

Daphne Brumwell shared the video that was created for a recent provincial math symposium that we were invited to speak at. The video highlights the work we have been engaged in around growth mindset in mathematics. Here is a link to the video created <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B2FvSV9zJuzlOUZhc3BLb2tjRTg/view?usp=sharing>.

9. Update on Parent Survey

Catherine Hoven provided an update regarding the parent survey that has been created. A postcard was sent home with the information required to access the electronic link to the survey. We are aiming to receive input from all parents whose children are receiving special education services. It was suggested to add that if parents wish a paper copy of the survey they can contact the school. Results from the survey will be shared at our September SEAC meeting.

10. Special Education Plan

Daphne Brumwell reviewed the changes that will be made to the Special Education Plan for 2017-2018. She also reviewed all the action items planned. The members accepted the amendments to the Plan by way of motion.

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

THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board Special Education Advisory Committee accept the amendments to the Special Education Plan 2017-2018, as revised throughout the 2016-2017 school year.
CARRIED.

11. Agency Reports

Joel McCartney mentioned that Cochrane Temiskaming Resource Centre has a new speech and language pathologist.

Genevieve Lemieux reported that Mark Lionello has been working on a homelessness initiative and is proud to reveal that Canadian Mental Health Association has purchased a building for their new project *Living Space*. The goal is to get as many homeless people off the streets and house them in a new building located across from the Timmins City Hall. More information will be shared in the Fall.

VOICE for Hearing Impaired is holding a family camp August 11th to 13th.

12. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 27, 2017 at 11:45 a.m. at the Northeastern Catholic District School Board or via videoconference.

13. Other Business - Nil

14. Adjournment

MOVED BY: V. Toner
THAT the meeting be adjourned at 1:15 p.m.
CARRIED.