



Northeastern Catholic District School Board

"Catholic Education Makes the Difference"

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

Wednesday, September 17, 2014

11:45 a.m.

Catholic Education Centre

MINUTES

PRESENT: Joel McCartney, Cochrane Temiskaming Resource Centre / Vice-Chair
Mark Lionello, Canadian Mental Health Association
Kim Bordignon, Children's Treatment Centre
Beth Nowak, Cochrane District Social Services Administration Board
William (Bill) Russell, The Lord's Kitchen
Billie Richer, VOICE for Hearing Impaired
Elizabeth King, NCDSB Trustee
Fred Salvador, NCDSB Vice-Chair
Daphne Brumwell, Superintendent of Education
Catherine Hoven, Special Assignment Teacher
Judy Piché, Administrative Assistant / Recorder

EXCUSED: Kay Gaffney, North Eastern Ontario Family and Children's Services / Chair
Tammie Molenaar, Community Living Timmins
Natalie Parnell, Timmins Family Counselling Centre

1. Welcome and Prayer

New members, Superintendent of Education Daphne Brumwell and Special Assignment Teacher Catherine Hoven, were welcomed by Trustee Fred Salvador. Daphne Brumwell led the group in prayer.

2. Introduction of Members

An introduction of the members was held. In the absence of the Chair, Vice-Chair Joel McCartney presided over the meeting.

3. Approval of Agenda

MOVED BY: B. Russell
SECONDED BY: E. King

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.
CARRIED.

4. Approval of Minutes

MOVED BY: M. Lionello
SECONDED BY: K. Bordignon

THAT the minutes of May 21, 2014 be approved as amended.
CARRIED.

5. Elections

ELECTION OF CHAIR

Daphne Brumwell opened the nomination process. Elizabeth King nominated Kay Gaffney as Chair of SEAC. Beth Novak seconded the nomination. Due to her absence, Kay Gaffney was contacted and accepted the nomination. There being no further nominations, nominations were closed and Daphne Brumwell declared Kay Gaffney, Chair of SEAC for the 2014-2015 school year.

Motion

MOVED BY: E. King
SECONDED BY: B. Novak

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 2014-2015 school year.
CARRIED.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

Daphne Brumwell opened the nomination process. Bill Russell nominated Joel McCartney as Vice-Chair of SEAC. Kim Bordignon seconded the nomination. There being no further nominations, nominations were closed and Daphne Brumwell declared Joel McCartney, Vice-Chair of SEAC for the 2014-2015 school year.

Motion

MOVED BY: B. Russell
SECONDED BY: K. Bordignon

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 2014-2015 school year.

CARRIED.

6. Schedule of Meetings

The schedule of meetings was shared with the members. Due to a scheduling conflict, the October and November meetings were moved to October 14th and November 12th, respectively. The schedule will be posted on our website.

7. School Year Calendars

The 2014-2015 school year calendars were presented to the members. A brief discussion ensued relating to the mandated PA Days and the general themes of the days. The calendars are posted on our website.

8. Special Education Report

A report outlining the number of identified students was provided to the members. Schools are in the process of reviewing the Individual Education Plans (IEPs) in preparation for the Identification, Placement and Review Committee (IPRC) meetings.

9. Student Services Staffing

The members received an overview of the 2014-2015 student services staffing.

10. Special Education Plan

A copy of the Special Education Plan 2014-2015 was distributed to the members. The action items added to the Plan need to be addressed during the school year.

11. SEAC Learning Website

The members were encouraged to visit the SEAC Learning website at <http://seac-learning.ca>, a good resource tool for SEAC members.

12. Revised PPM 8: Identification of and Program Planning for Students with Learning Disabilities

The revised PPM 8 *Identification of and Program Planning for Students with Learning Disabilities* reflects the advancement in research and developments in special education policies and school board practices in supporting students with learning disabilities. Daphne Brumwell explained that the intent is to allow us to look at students' psychological reports with a different lense and establish the discrepancy between the potential and the actual. School boards are required to implement procedures for early and ongoing identification of the learning abilities and needs of students. The requirements of this revised PPM will take effect January 2, 2015 and will be posted on the Ministry of Education website.

13. Agency Reports

Beth Nowak mentioned that a licensed child care program opened in September 2014 in two of our schools. Chickadee Childcare and Learning Centre offers a before and after school program at St. Paul School in Timmins. St. Patrick School in Kapuskasing's program is provided by Kiddies Korner Daycare. Both sites offer nutritional lunches and snacks and have a recreation component to their program.

The Lord's Kitchen closed in August. The agency started two weeks ago with 115 people in attendance the first week and 185 the second week. Bill Russell announced that different community groups were provided with a program on food preparation, filmed by East Link, on September 19th to 21st. The Lord's Kitchen received free advertising on television in exchange for rented space.

Cochrane Temiskaming Resource Centre is short staffed in the Temiskaming area with a psychometrist on leave. Joel McCartney stated that the agency is looking at hiring a behavior therapist as this person is retiring shortly.

14. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at 11:45 a.m. at the Catholic Education Centre or via video conference. It was suggested to hold a future SEAC meeting in one of our schools and invite teachers to the meeting.

15. Other Business

Letters received from district school boards were shared with the members.

16. Adjournment

MOVED BY: M. Lionello
THAT the meeting be adjourned at 1:00 p.m.
CARRIED.