



SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

April 19, 2023

PRESENT: Committee Members: B. Morris, M. Guenette, D. Lacombe, N. Tabbert, S. Tait,

Administration: J. Smith, A. McGregor, C. Brash, S. Smith, L. Rigby, A. Macdougall-Popke, M. Wagner, A. Hilts

Guests:

ABSENT: (With Regrets) A. MacKenzie, A. Derochers

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. McGregor called the meeting to order.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF 19 APRIL 2023

MOVED BY D. Lacombe, seconded by B. Morris, that the Special Education Advisory Committee approves the agenda for today's meeting.

The motion was CARRIED.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 22 MARCH 2023

MOVED BY M. Guenette, seconded by D. Lacombe, that the Special Education Advisory Committee approves the minutes of the meeting held on 22 March 2023.

4. STAFF UPDATES

The Special Education department presented the Special Education Action Plan summary that was shared with Committees. The Special Education Plan aims to create capacity within the District to support increased inclusion, equity and independence for students accessing Special Services and aligns with the 2019 Special Education Review. The Special Education Action Plan summary is also embedded with key points of the RCDSB Strategic Plan and the Inspired Learning Framework.

J. Smith discussed the development of a policy/procedure regarding barriers to students' access to outside agency professional support.

6. REPORT FROM THE BOARD

M. Guenette reported he attended his first PIC meeting that took place on April 3, 2023. The discussions that took place amongst the parent and board staff attendees were the recent RCDSB Thought Exchange responses. In groups it was discussed what parents/guardians want from RCDSB, what do they appreciate and suggestions they may have. One clear message that was shared in the Thought Exchange was an interest from parents/guardians regarding how to get our children involved and interested in the trades.

7. ASSOCIATION REPORTS

S. Tait reported that Easter Seals camp application is still open, there is also the opportunity for remote camps. Information can be found on the Easter Seals website. There is also the opportunity for graduating students to receive Easter Seals scholarships, the deadline to apply is April 28th and there are 18 spots available. This can also be found on the Easter Seals website.

Accessibility week and red shirt day taking place on May 31, 2023. A number of schools in the province will be participating by wearing red to bring awareness to accessibility, inclusivity and equity.

D. Lacombe shared that they are working on their ASD funding requests.

8. NEXT MEETING

May 17, 2023

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by M. Guenette, seconded by N. Tabbert that the meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm

The motion was CARRIED.