



SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

April 20, 2022

PRESENT: Committee Members: M. Guenette, B. Morris, A. MacKenzie, A. Bergeron, N. Tabbert, D. Lacombe

Administration: B. Smith, J. Poirier, M. Ingram, C. Barber, S. Smith, A. Hiltz, L. Rigby, A. Macdougall

Guests:

ABSENT: (With Regrets) A. Deerochers

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. MacKenzie called the meeting to order.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF 20 April 2022

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

The motion was CARRIED.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 23 March 2022

MOVED BY M. Guenette, seconded by B. Morris, that the Special Education Advisory Committee approves the minutes of the meeting held on 23 March 2022.

The motion was CARRIED

4. STAFF UPDATES

S. Smith presented an introduction to Executive Functions.

A.Mackenzie asked which students are being targeted with Executive Function learning. S.Smith stated that work has been ongoing with classrooms from grade 4-8.

B.Morris inquired as to whether EA and ECEs are experienced with EF or have they received PD and training regarding EF? S.Smith stated that EF basic training has been provided to both groups.

6. REPORT FROM THE BOARD

M. Guenette shared a report from April 12th regarding the Student Support Fund. The SSF provides financial support to students, reduces barriers and promotes inclusion. Since 2016 the SSF has raised \$150 000 for students. 50 requests this year have been fulfilled, most of which were basic needs requests such as groceries and clothing.

B. Morris shared that on April 11th the Board held a dinner and meeting for aspiring administrators in the RCDSB. There were 40-50 people in attendance from the system who are interested in becoming future leaders within the system.

7. ASSOCIATION REPORTS

A.Bergeron shared that VOICE is preparing for a large virtual event titled Breaking Down Barriers on May 6th and 7th. More information can be found on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing website.

A. MacKenzie shared that Petawawa is seeing a lot of postings in and out of the area. The PMFRC is working with other PMFRCs to ensure continuity of services and support for families.

Exercises in Wainwright have ramped up from April to June, which means that a lot of children's parents are away at this time.

We are working on reopening the lending library, where items can also be lent out to classrooms, not just individual people.

8. NEXT MEETING

May 18, 2022

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by A. Bergeron, seconded by B. Morris, that the meeting adjourned at 4:53 pm

The motion was CARRIED.