



SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

February 16, 2022

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

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

Guests: J. Lehman, K. Wright

ABSENT: (With Regrets) M. Guenette, M. Ingram

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. MacKenzie called the meeting to order.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF 16 February 2022

MOVED BY B. Morris, 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 19 January 2022

MOVED BY D. Lacombe, seconded by B. Morris, that the Special Education Advisory Committee approves the minutes of the meeting held on 19 January 2022.

The motion was CARRIED

4. STAFF UPDATES

Presentation of Supports for RCDSB Students with ASD by RCDSB ASD Coordinators J. Lehman and K. Wright.

- History of Supports
- Provision of training opportunities for RCDSB student with ASD
- ABA/ISA team vision
- After School Skills Development Program
 - Elementary: Everyday Speech
 - Secondary: PEERS for young adults

D. Lacombe asked if out of the number of students who are attending school with ASD, what percentage attends the program. J. Lehman stated that letters are sent home with all students who would qualify. Any parent who is interested can register. Currently there are enough students registered for two groups in the grade four to grade six group and three groups in the secondary group.

A. Mackenzie asked if in the PEERS Program you are using the parent portion. K. Wright stated that currently they are focusing on children. J. Lehman stated that in the past they would meet with parents to get a list of their goals for students. This year due to covid, they provided a list of goals with the registration information as well as access in the Google Classroom.

C. Barber shared that they recently completed Behavior Management Systems training sessions. C. Barber, L. Rigby and S. Smith delivered a full day certification for approximately 40 Educational Assistants and SSCs as well as a half day recertification session for educators in those same roles.

Integrated Transition planning Feb/March 2022 meeting dates have now been set by our high schools.

Gr.8 to 9 transition planning is underway for some of our students with complex needs. We have been attending meetings and assisting with preparations for those transitions.

A. MacDougal Popke shared that she has been connecting in K-12 with those who have new devices trying to reduce the backlog that covid has created.

Also working on another round of SEA applications that provide perspective to future students I will be meeting.

Also presented at Committees meeting this month.

Interesting fact shared is that five years ago there were 323 Chromebooks being used by students, now there are 720 and over 600 are Chromebooks.

6. REPORT FROM THE BOARD

B. Morris shared that the Board has been continuing ahead with providing the best program to students they can. At a Committee meeting this month we had presentations by the Special Services Department.

Also had the ICT meeting on the annual plan as well as the five year update.

Starting in September we will be offering French Immersion programming in some secondary schools in our District.

A.Mackenzie asked if staffing is difficult for French Programming. B. Morris stated that we have been successful with the elementary.

7. ASSOCIATION REPORTS

D. Lacombe shared that they are working with Service Coordinators creating transition plans. Modernization is happening in the Developmental Services sector; they are creating 'smart hubs' for referral services for children services.

A.Bergeron shared with the Board a summary of Voice and what is offered. B. Smith stated that we did receive the information she shared, and are deciding where the information will live.

A.Mackenzie shared that the PMFRC shared that they are working on a gradual return. They do have a speakers series coming up at the end of the month with 25 registrants.

Have PEERS training next month as well as FASD training. Then we are preparing for the posting season.

8. NEXT MEETING

March 23, 2022

10. ADJOURNMENT

B. Morris, seconded by D. Lacombe that the meeting adjourned at 4:43 pm

The motion was CARRIED.