



SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

January 18, 2023

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

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

Guests:

ABSENT: (With Regrets)

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. MacKenzie called the meeting to order.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF 18 JANUARY 2023

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

The motion was CARRIED.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 21 DECEMBER 2022

Please note that we did not have a quorum at the December 21, 2022 SEAC meeting. No minutes will be submitted to the Board.

4. STAFF UPDATES

A. MacDougall-Popke introduced the new Special Education Assistive Technology Consultant M. Wagner.

A. McGregor reported that a Psychometrist has been hired by the Board and began work this week as well as a new ASD Coordinator.

L. Rigby presented the Special Education December Stats.

6. REPORT FROM THE BOARD

M. Guenette reported that the Board has been busy with shifts for the future regarding de-streaming and data collected from the Secondary Review. Grade 10 de-streaming has been put on "hold" for the time being. J. Smith provided an explanation of de-streaming in education as students no longer being separated into Academic and Applied Streams. Students will take a combination of courses made up of De-streamed, Academic and Open level courses.

7. ASSOCIATION REPORTS

A. Desrochers shared that the CLUOV completed their year end strat plan.

S. Tait shared that Easter Seals is gearing up for National AccessAbility Week that celebrates the diversity, inclusion and accessibility in Canada, and highlights some of the important initiatives aimed at creating an Accessible Canada. National AccessAbility Week is observed on the last Sunday every May and schools are encouraged to have "Red Shirt Day" to promote the message.

S. Tait shared that there is a letter writing campaign being sent to the Minister of Health and MPP Health Teams requesting funding for accessible bathroom equipment. This is not something Easter Seals currently funds.

S. Tait also shared that she advocated for families of students in the Life Skills program to be able to attend classes during the week of exams.

D. Lacombe shared that current work is being completed on Integrated Transition Planning with C. Brash.

D. Lacombe also shared that Renfrew County has a new Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Coordinator starting soon.

A. MacKenzie shared that PMFRC received funding to be used for Psychoeducational Assessments. Also benefits have increased for Military families that will cover the costs of some assessments for families.

Youth Counselors are available at Valour JK-12 School and Bishop Smith Catholic School for military youth. As well as Building Resilience Workshops for families after school.

8. NEXT MEETING

February 15, 2023

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by D. Lacombe, seconded by A. Derochers that the meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm

The motion was CARRIED.