



SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

March 22, 2023

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

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

Guests:

ABSENT: (With Regrets) J. Smith

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. MacKenzie called the meeting to order.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF 22 MARCH 2023

MOVED BY B. Morris, 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 15 FEBRUARY 2023

MOVED BY M. Guenette, seconded by D. Lacombe, that the Special Education Advisory Committee approves the minutes of the meeting held on 15 February 2023.

4. STAFF UPDATES

A. MacDougall-Popke shared that the Special Services department is in the process of planning for next year's needs and transitions for students. Also many students in our District rocked their socks on March 21st to raise awareness of Down Syndrome.

L. Rigby shared that as UFLI training has been ongoing and the team has been supporting the training.

S. Smith shared that Psychoeducational Assessments have been completed and the team is working on transition planning and planning processes for students.

C. Brash shared that she is currently conducting transition meetings for grade 8 students going into highschool as well as completing ITPs.

M. Wagner shared she has been busy training students on technology. A total of 477 students have been met to date. There has been an enormous increase in the amount of teachers who have reached out to build capacity for their students.

6. REPORT FROM THE BOARD

M. Guenette reported he was able to attend a Valentines dance at one of our high schools and was impressed with the inclusivity of all students at the event.

M. Guenette also expressed that he would like to see more push for students in trades, referring to recent news articles.

7. ASSOCIATION REPORTS

S. Tait reported that Easter Seals is pushing 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.

Registration has opened for this year's summer camps and a link to registration can be found on the Easter Seals website.

S. Tait also shared that her family started and sponsors an Inclusion Award at AJ Charbonneau for students who are graduating and demonstrate inclusivity throughout their school career. S. Tait suggests this be an award at other schools as well.

A. Derochers reported that the CLUOV is currently revising their ongoing 20 year agreement with the RCCDSB.

A. Derochers also shared that CLUOV will be celebrating 65 years this year.

D. Lacombe shared that ITP's are taking place, they are coordinating with schools.

A. MacKenzie reported that their Executive Director is leaving the PMFRC and will have an Interim director until a new one is hired. A new Social Skills program for students called Building Blocks with Lego is beginning in April and runs through May. The program is open to anyone.

N. Tabbert shared an experience from his own family's experience which began the discussion that the process for class pictures could be better to accommodate all students' needs. A. MacGregor will be speaking to the photo company that our Board uses to discuss accommodations and inclusivity for all students.

8. NEXT MEETING

April 19, 2023

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by N. Tabbert, seconded by D. Lacombe that the meeting adjourned at 4:48 pm

The motion was CARRIED.