



SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

March 23, 2022

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

Administration: B. Smith, M. Ingram, C. Barber, S. Smith, A. Hilts, L. Rigby, A. Macdougall

Guests: N. Innes, A. Mathews

ABSENT: (With Regrets) J. Poirier

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. MacKenzie called the meeting to order.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF 23 March 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 16 February 2022

MOVED BY M. Guenette, seconded by D. Lacombe, that the Special Education Advisory Committee approves the minutes of the meeting held on 16 February 2022.

4. STAFF UPDATES

Presentation by the RCDSB Speech and Language Pathologists Nicola Innes and Ann Mathews. Included background of Speech Pathologists, introduction of Communication Disorders Assistants, services, SLP program, Ministry Statistics, caseload numbers and goals.

D. Lacombe asked how identification is made? B. Smith responded that there are tiered supports and identification. For example Tier One may be an assessment made by a teacher and support in the classroom, Tier Two would be SERT and Lead referral and Tier Three being assessed by the SLPs. Follow up question D. Lacombe asked if SLP services support students in both elementary and secondary. N. Innes responded that all students have access to SLP services.

6. REPORT FROM THE BOARD

M. Guenette summarized the presentation recently conducted by System Principal Shelley Gagne on Student Achievement with a focus on Numeracy and Literacy of elementary students.

Action: B. Smith will invite S. Gagne to present to SEAC.

B. Morris shared that finance, resources and french programming expansion were discussed at the recent Board meeting.

M. Guenette asked what happens if a special education student wants to participate in the FSL.

B. Smith stated that special education students are supported in any pathway they are in.

7. ASSOCIATION REPORTS

D. Lacombe shared that their organization is in the process of a lot of transitions, such as the introduction of the Smart Hubs.

A. Bergeron shared that VOICE is preparing for a large virtual event titled Breaking Down Barriers in May.

A. Deerochers was introduced as a new member of SEAC representing Community Living Upper Ottawa Valley. She shared shortage of staff is a continuous issue, as well as housing for clients.

CLUOV is undergoing a new strategic plan, as well as working with the Renfrew County Catholic District School Board regarding cooperative education and bridges to the DSW programming.

A. MacKenzie shared that their organization is losing a long standing member of the team and board contact. There will be a new contact in place. The rest of the staff are working in a hybrid model of in person and remote. Buildings are open by appointment only.

8. NEXT MEETING

April 20, 2022

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by A. Bergeron, seconded by D. Lacombe, that the meeting adjourned at 5:02 pm

The motion was CARRIED.