



SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

May 18, 2022

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

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

Guests:

ABSENT: (With Regrets) A. Bergeron, D. Lacombe

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. MacKenzie called the meeting to order.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF 18 May 2022

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

The motion was CARRIED.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 20 April 2022

MOVED BY M. Guenette, seconded by B. Morris, that the Special Education Advisory Committee approves the minutes of the meeting held on 20 April 2022.

4. STAFF UPDATES

C. Barber shared that she is working on supporting the grade 8 to grade 9 transitions. As well as meeting with Fellowes high school teams to develop executive function skills.

C. Barber shared that Options 2022 also included opportunities for students in alternative learning programs to compete in areas such as hair dressing, cake decorating, forestry, etc.

Make the Cut was held on May 4, 2022.

S. Smith shared work she has been doing in a grade 7½ immersion class at Rockwood public school regarding executive functions, self advocacy and learning who they are as learners. Students created learner profiles focusing on who they are, how they engage and express themselves in learning. The goal was for students to have these completed in time to take with them to their transition visit at Fellowes high school.

L. Rigby shared that working in partnership with the EA union to develop roles and responsibility updates to add to the independence document.

L. Rigby shared that she has also been spending a lot of time completing IEP audits. The data will help to create alignment for annual goals and parent consultation across the district.

A. Macdougall-Popke shared that they are in the process of receiving data from the High5 grade 5 math project. Emerging ideas are classroom culture, instructional strategies and diagnostics.

A lot of time is being spent supporting EQAO as all qualifying students are completing testing digitally now. A. Macdounall-Popke highlighted features of the digital platform such as read alouds, larger print, screen contrast, and text highlights.

M. Ingram shared that through our partnership with FCS we have received additional funding to support the completion of 14 Psycho Educational Assessments, an increase of 7 more than last year.

New Horizons is also working on creating a smooth transition for students moving to grade 9 next year.

B. Smith presented the Annual Special Education Updates.

6. REPORT FROM THE BOARD

M. Guenette requested that a discussion take place at a following SEAC meeting regarding a resumption of in person meetings.

B. Morris reported that he accompanied the Director of Education on a visit to Valour high school.

7. ASSOCIATION REPORTS

A. Deerochers shared that May is Community Living Month. Each day stories and services are shared on social media highlighting the work and community.

A. Deerochers also shared the resource DSO Housing Toolkit that is a helpful tool for parents who are looking ahead to find housing for their grown children.

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. There is a housing shortage which may mean that schools will see an increase in late registrations as families will be moving later into the school year when housing is available.

Exercises in Wainwright will be completed by June 7, and families will be reunited.

Due to restructuring and an evening out of funding amongst MFRC's means that some of the services originally provided by the PMFRC has been discontinued. The main focus of PMFRC is relocation, transition and deployment support.

A. MacKenzie also shared that her position has been changed to Military Family Navigator-Special Needs, which means families will be able to have a lot more one-on-one time with her.

8. NEXT MEETING

June 15, 2022

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by A. Deerochers, seconded by M. Guenette, that the meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm

The motion was CARRIED.