



SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

November 16, 2022

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

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

Guests: RCDSB Literacy Intervention Support Teachers

ABSENT: (With Regrets) A. Bergeron, M. Guenette

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. MacKenzie called the meeting to order.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF 16 NOVEMBER 2022

MOVED BY A. Desrochers, 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 OCTOBER 2022

Please note that we did not have a quorum at the October 19, 2022 SEAC meeting. No minutes will be submitted to the Board.

4. STAFF UPDATES

A. MacDougall-Popke introduced the RCDSB LISTs (Literacy Intervention Support Teachers) to SEAC members, explaining the connection between the LISTs work and the Special Education department and Special Education Review.

The LISTs presented the 'Right to Read'.

A. MacDougall-Popke shared that the District is hiring a new Psychometrist. Interviews are being conducted on November 17, 2022.

A. MacDougall-Popke also shared that SEA technology is being sent out to schools and students. They have also been reviewing and refreshing gross motor and sensory rooms in collaboration with SERTS, OTs, and Administrators.

C. Brash is currently working on gathering data and completing applications for SIP reporting. .

6. REPORT FROM THE BOARD

B. Morris shared the results of the recent Trustee elections. There were three RCDSB Trustees that retired this year. The Trustee term of service is four years.

B. Morris also shared Re-think at Secondary is currently underway within the District. It is an opportunity for Secondary schools staff and students to share their voice providing input/feedback.

7. ASSOCIATION REPORTS

D. Lacombe shared that the FASD program will be receiving new personnel.

A. Desrochers shared that CLUOV welcomed new Board members in September.

The organization is still struggling with recruitment and selection. Initiatives to improve recruitment are in progress including attending a job fair at Algonquin College in Pembroke, and discussion with the RCCDSB about co-op/work experience opportunities for students.

Housing is continuing to be a challenge for individuals. The CLUOV Director is meeting with the Ministry to discuss and develop strategies for improvement.

S. Tait shared that this was her first official meeting with RCDSB SEAC representing Easter Seals. She completed three hours of required training by Easter Seals in order to represent parents of children with special education needs.

A. MacKenzie shared that the PMFRCs youth volunteer program has resumed in person for military and civilian families. The program runs every Monday after school for students aged 14-18 years old. Support is available regardless of a student's ability.

English as a second language supports are going strong for military families. After school support and parent resources are available.

N. Tabbert shared a story of struggles faced by his family and children who have special education needs.

8. NEXT MEETING

December 21, 2022

10. ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was CARRIED.