



SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Notes

September 15, 2021

PRESENT: Committee Members: M. Guenette, B. Morris, A. MacKenzie, D. Lacombe

Administration: J. Poirier, B. Smith, C. Barber, S. Smith, L. Rigby,
A. MacDougall

Guests:

ABSENT: (With Regrets) M. Ingram, R. Bernard, L. Cobb, L. Costello, C. Smith, L. Hunt,
N. Tabbert

There was no quorum, so this was just an information-sharing meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

N/A.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF 15 September 2021

N/A

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 16 June 2021

N/A

4. STAFF UPDATES

B. Smith spoke about the data collection occurring at the beginning of this school year around student needs, IEPs, etc. Once completed, it will be shared.

The staffing process for SERTs and SSCs is based on allocations while the ELL is needs based.

C. Barber said her focus has been on transition planning and support, developing programming, equipment and accommodations. Fall IPRC meetings are being scheduled. There will be behaviour management training for Secondary SERTs, ESPs and SSCs on the PA Day.

S. Smith said meetings are taking place in elementary schools to determine supports, case conferences for new and new to board students.

L. Rigby has held transition visits, had elementary SERT meeting, IPRC meeting, virtual school special needs, safety planning- especially for the youngest students

A. MacDougall is busy getting SAE & technology equipment to students and ensuring new SERTs are aware of special tech features and instructional strategies.

6. REPORT FROM THE BOARD

M. Guenette shared that the strategic plan brochure will be available 22-24 Sept. He was interested to know the percentage of special needs students - online vs in-class.

B. Morris shared that there is an increase in enrolment. Also that there is 5% or less of our total student enrolment in virtual learning.

7. ASSOCIATION REPORTS

Amy – second accreditation review process

Virtual meetings until the end of the year, including the parent support group and special needs family forum.

Darcy – quiet over the summer, hard to access respite. IPP season, in person or virtual. FACS support group received funding for next year

8. NEXT MEETING

October 20, 2021

10. ADJOURNMENT

N/A