

**MINUTES OF MEETING
Monday June 13, 2016
D.T. Walkom Room
12:00 Noon**

Present

Members: Pat Mick, Heather Marshall, Dan Morgan
Staff: K. Colter, B. Vallee, L. Davey, J. Santa Maria
Trustees: Bob McEachren, Russell Reid
Guests: Joe Santa Maria (ADSB Superintendent of Business)
Regrets: Janelle Martin, Amanda Gauthier, Priscilla Southwind, Morgan Levy, Jennifer Sarlo, Kate Lawrence, Marnie Yourchuk.

Chair Mick called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Round Table Introduction of members, staff and guests

Pat Mick called for approval of May Minutes

- 2nd by Russell Reid and Heather Marshall
- All in favour

Association Updates

Pat Mick– Community Living Algoma

- Nothing to report

Heather Marshall – NECCAC

- Nothing to report

Leslie Wright – Infant & Child Development Program

- Went over the copied hand out Communique: Special Needs Strategy
- The strategy is a coordinated planning service for children with many special needs needing more than one specialized service
- They are looking to hire and train a Service Plan Coordinator who will lead coordinated service planning for families of children with many special needs by working with children's services, health and education sectors
- There will be one coordinated service plan for each child
- Open discussion on Summer Programs for special needs children

Dan Morgan – Canadian Mental Health Association

- Summarized interim
- Stated 39% of individuals completed the assessment without the need of further special needs service
- Overall fairly successful; pilot project finishes on June 30
- There has been a much faster response time; partnership of many agencies are able to meet the diverse needs of students

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Brent Vallee, Superintendent of Education, Kelly Colter, System Coordinator Special Education Department and Joe Santa Maria, Superintendent of Business

Brent Vallee

- Talked about tomorrow night's agenda (June 14)
- There will be a regional resource center at Sault College (Sarah Anich will be the coordinator)
- Staffing process continues as usual
- Explained SERT meeting is essentially a day of professional development
- There will be about 4-5 expected new resource teachers

Kelly Colter

- Explained that Jim White is someone she talks to about program proposals
- Met with staff and students at White Pines, community members and staff at the Non-residential Attendance Program
- The kids at White Pines spoke about how they thrived in the care and treatment program as opposed to regular classes
- Spoke about blind low vision and how iPads and laptops are shared with schools; when a school/school board is aware of a child's special needs they will send it to that child because it has specific apps that will assist the child

Joe Santa Maria

- Went over budget and SB07 Funding Memo
- Memo references third year of Special Education; 2016/2017 is the third of the fourth year plan
- High needs amount to the new funding model which goes per pupil
- Funding predictions have not decreased
- Enrolment has declined but special needs among students hasn't seemed to decrease
- Details of funding and where exactly it is being spent takes place over summer
- Summarized budget and copies of budget were handed out to committee

Report from the Board (Trustees) Bob McEachren and Russell Reid

- Russell talked about Right to Learn – children had written little books and Scholastic published them for free and sent the books out to third world countries. The children signed their books and read them aloud
- Bob expressed his concern about comfort animals in the schools
- Russell mentioned having a possible screening process for comfort animals

Action Items

- Send letter to ADSB in regards to comfort animals

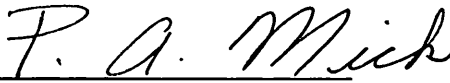
Next SEAC meeting date: September 19, 2016

Motion to adjourn

- Pat Mick, 2nd Russell Reid, all in favour
- Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm



Brent Vallee
Superintendent of Education



Pat Mick
Chair