

MINUTES OF MEETING

Monday January 25, 2016

D.T. Walkom Room

12:00 Noon

**Present**

*Linda Graham*

**Members:** Pat Mick, Helen Scott, Dan Morgan, Heather Marshall, Lori Lambert, Marnie Yourchuk (via teleconference)

**Staff:** K. Colter, B. Vallee, A. Caputo

**Trustees:** Bob McEachren, Russel Reid via teleconference

**Guests:** Lianne Vezeau, Speech/Language Pathologist, ADSB

**Regrets:** Priscilla Southwind, Amanda Gauthier, Janelle Martin, Morgan Levy

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

**1. Round Table Introduction of members, staff and guests**

**2. Pat Mick called for approval of November Minutes**

- Motion by Lori Lambert, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda Graham
- All in favour

**3. Correspondence** – Ottawa Carleton DSB; discussion re: previous letters with same support and information

**4. Presentation by Lianne Vezeau, Speech Language Pathologist, ADSB**

- Gave an update on activity since September 2015
- 123 students on the wait list for assessment
- Changes to referral process
- Explained report share process
- Explained YouTube videos
- Showed videos
- Brent Vallee, Superintendent of Education, offered input on Lianne's reports

- YouTube channel on accessible by ADSB staff
- Heather Marshall, CCAC, asked about referring our staff that call her about support in classroom
- Kelly Colter, System Coordinator with ADSB, explained that Heather can refer those staff to their SERT
- Lianne is doing her presentation at the EA PD day on February 5, 2016
- She has been working with COOP students in the schools
- From April 18, 2016 – May 14, 2016 she will be hosting an Ottawa U student.
- Linda Graham asked about using smaller groups for videos – yes –
- Linda Graham asked what ages – JK to 12
- Most assessments are done at age 7-10
- Also helping older children

## 5. Association Updates

### **Pat Mick– Community Living Algoma**

- Update on contest in schools
- Group winners can now win \$500.00 for use in their classrooms

### **Linda Graham – Ontario Association of Families with Communication Disorders**

- Nothing to report

### **Lori Lambert – Infant & Child Development Program**

- Spoke about transitions meetings taking place
- All is good there

### **Heather Marshall – Northeast Community Care Access Centre**

- Nothing to report

### **Dan Morgan – Canadian Mental Health Association**

- Nothing to report
- Will have updated stats on Walk-in clinic and will share once received
- Walk-in Clinic has been well received and is very busy

### **Marnie Yourchuk – North Shore Tribal Council**

- Nothing to report

### **Algoma District School Board**

**Brent Vallee, Superintendent of Education**

**Kelly Colter, System Coordinator Special Education Department**

### **Brent Vallee**

PD Day– February 5, 2016 will include

- For EA's
  - Community Partners
  - Augmentative Communication Devices
  - IBI & Connections
  - ABA

## Sensory Needs (OTs)

### Speech/Language

- For Secretaries  
Cultural Competency Training
- For Elementary Teachers  
Report Cards
- For Secondary Teachers  
Meetings and PD
- Insight/CAT 4 Testing was done the week of January 11, 2016
- Results generally come in 1-2 months after submission

## Kelly Colter

- Kelly spoke to Transition meetings with community partners
  - 30 so far
  - 7 left
  - ASD Diagnoses
  - Motor/speech issues
  - FASD
- spoke about Special Needs Strategy: 2 components: Coordinated Service Planning & Delivery of Integrated services
- She presented proposal as part of the Special Needs Community on Coordinated Service Planning with CRCA as the lead agency
- Did not get the funding requested: Ministries want same model but using less money
- Community partnerships are working well
- Funding gives a whole new life to the project
- Spoke about the Northern SEA group re: meeting of Apple product reps from all Northern Boards happening in March including policy & procedures re: Board Comparisons and EQAO & assistive technology.
- Spoke to our Program Team offering after hours sessions for: Speech, IEP development, Restorative Approaches
- Volunteer basis
- Very helpful for occasional teacher who don't participate in regularly scheduled PD
- Spoke about Special Needs Students and FSL
- ADSB provided input to the draft version of a report
- Once we know more about ADSB's process re: this, we will have Tracy Reid speak to the Committee
- Linda Graham had concerns around the written portion of FSL; felt that the oral speaking will work well with Special Needs students, but they may struggle if required to read or write; Brent Vallee explained that any decision to keep a Special Needs student in FSL would be on a case by case basis and that the strategies for teaching are the same in both languages

**6. Report from the Board (Trustees) B. McEachren & R. Reid**

- All contract have been signed or in the process
- Presentation from the Robotics club was very good

**7. Action Items – none**

**8. Agenda items for Next meeting**

- a. Presentation from Eva McKenna re: Hanen
- b. Darryl Fillmore – update on Mental Health Initiatives

**Next SEAC meeting date: February 22, 2016**

**Motion to adjourn**

- Dan Morgan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Heather Marshall, all in favour
- Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm



Brent Vallee  
Superintendent of Education



Pat Mick  
Chair