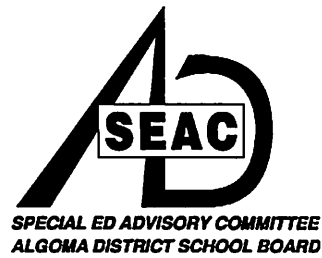


ALGOMA DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE S.E.A.C.



MINUTES OF MEETING

Monday October 26, 2015

D.T. Walkom Room

12:00 Noon

Present

Members: Pat Mick, Dan Morgan, Linda Graham, Lori Lambert, Marnie Yourchuk (via teleconference), Heather Marshall

Staff: K. Collver, A. Caputo, K. Colter

Trustees: B. McEachren, R Reid (via teleconference)

Guests: Dan Swystun, Fran Walsh, Brent Vallee, Sandi Dal Cin, Mason, Devin and Austin (WP Intermediate)

Regrets: Amanda Gauthier, Janelle Martin, Helen Scott, Priscilla Southwind, Morgan Levy

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

1. Round Table Introduction of members, staff and guests

2. Presentation from DARE program at White Pines Intermediate

Vice Principal S. Dal Cin and 3 students shared their experience to date of the White Pines Intermediate DARE program. Presently there are 13 students in the program. Mason described the classroom and some of the features. Devin spoke about hands on learning and robotics and Austin spoke about learning different subjects and activities.

3. Dan Swystun Re: followup on signage question from Trustee McEachren at September SEAC meeting:

Dan reported - Legal signage requirements relate specifically to Accessibility. Dan checked with the AODA requirements; no answers, the Building Code of Ontario; no answers. There was some information specific to the City of Toronto. Sault Ste. Marie does not have a bylaw with regard to gender specific signage on public restrooms

4. Superintendent Collver Introduced Brent Vallee:

Mr. Vallee will begin his role as Superintendent of Education on November 23, 2015. He is looking forward to his duties and working with the Special Education team.

5. Approval of Agenda

Motioned by Linda Graham, 2nd by L. Lambert

All in favor

6. Pat Mick called for approval of September Minutes

Motioned by Linda Graham, 2nd by L. Lambert

All in favor

7. Correspondence-

- a. **Letter- Durham District School Board** regarding hiring practices and regulation 274 (seniority based hiring) as it affects Special Education Children
- b. **Letter- Wellington Catholic District School Board-** regarding the challenges of meeting the needs of children with FASD. .
- c. **Letter – Wellington Catholic District School Board –** regarding hiring practices and regulation 274 (seniority based hiring) as it affects Special Education Children
- d. **Letter – Upper Canada District School Board –** regarding the High Needs Amount

8. Association Updates

Pat Mick– Community Living Algoma.

- Nothing to Report as no meeting has been held as yet

Linda Graham – Ontario Association of Families with Communication Disorders

- Nothing to Report

Lori Lambert – Infant & Child Development Program

- Big push on Early ID for children. School transitions will be soon.

Heather Marshall – Northeast Community Care Access Centre

- Still working on Special Needs Strategy
- Very impressed with support in the district at the School Teams

Dan Morgan – Canadian Mental Health Association

- Nothing to report – Lori Lambert queried Dan regarding new walk-in counselling
- Dan will provide more information at the next meeting

Kime Collver – Superintendent of Education - Algoma District School Board

- Invite Darryl Fillmore to November 23, 2015 SEAC meeting
- Large intake of students aged 12-15 years old at the CAP unit in SAH
- IPRC meetings are happening
- SIP Claims and SEA Claims are the focus for the spec ed team

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

Tarentorus Principal Frank Palumbo and students attended the board meeting to thank USW 9548 for their contribution to the school playground.

10. Action Items

- Audrey to send list of meeting dates to all

11. Agenda items for Next meeting

- a. Update on Mental Health initiative

Next SEAC meeting date: November 23, 2015

12. Adjournment at 1:00



Kime Collver

Superintendent of Education



Pat Mick

Chair