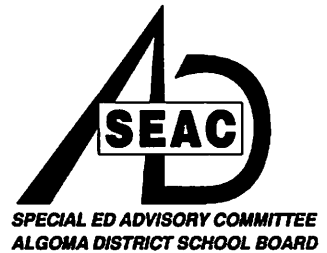


ALGOMA DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE S.E.A.C.



MINUTES OF MEETING
Monday September 28, 2015
D.T. Walkom Room
12:00 Noon

Present

Members: P. Mick, D. Morgan, H. Marshall, A. Gauthier, L. Graham, L. Lambert, H. Scott, M. Yourchuk (teleconference)

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

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

Guests: Darryl Fillmore, Lianne Vezeau

Regrets: P. Southwind, J. Martin, H. Jones, M. Levy

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

1. Welcome (Approval of Agenda)

Motioned by B. McEachren, 2nd by H. Scott

All in favor

2. Pat Mick called for approval of June Minutes

Motioned by B. McEachren, 2nd by L. Graham

All in favor

3. Round Table Introduction of members, staff and guest

4. 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. Not to fund FASD children directly but to include them in the allocation of fund for all students.
- c. **Letter – Wellington Catholic District School Board –** regarding hiring practices and regulation 274 (seniority based hiring) as it affects Special Education Children

5. Presentations:

Lianne Vezeau, new Speech Language Pathologist gave an overview of her experience

Darryl Fillmore, new Mental Health Lead gave an overview of his experience.

6. 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

- Brought Forward workshop for Neurodiverse presentation by Angie DeMarco

Amanda Gauthier – Children’s Rehabilitation Centre Algoma

- Nothing to report.

Lori Lambert – Infant & Child Development Program

- Lots of transitions
- All going really well
- Parents concerned about IEP paperwork, but are being reassured that the work need is being done in the classroom regardless of the actual paperwork being done.

Heather Marshall – Northeast Community Care Access Centre

- Transitions are good
- No missed kids
- A bit behind schedule
- Starting visits Tuesday September 29, 2015

Marnie Yourchuk – North Shore Tribal Council

- First Nations met to look at Algoma Special Needs Strategies the data and information was shared in the proposal

Dan Morgan – Canadian Mental Health Association

- Nothing to report

Helen Scott – Association for Bright Children of Ontario

- Nothing to report

Bob McEachren – Algoma District School Board Trustee

- Question regarding accessibility and the signage for restrooms – some private businesses use other symbols/words for signage – where can we bring this issue – could SEAC author a letter to this concern
- to write a letter to the province regarding this
- Kime responded that it this would be accessibility – we can look it into this

Kime Collver – Superintendent of Education - Algoma District School Board

- Many new students arriving with special education needs, staff busy with IPRC meetings
- Transition meeting for new little ones and also students who have been hospitalized
- Lots of new students from other boards, other provinces as well as new little ones
- Transition meetings are happening for new little ones, return to school due to suspension or expulsion and also hospitalization
- IEPs concern regarding job action – updates are placed on the ADSB website
- G7 FASD Conference in Sault Ste. Marie this year –we are sending a large number from our team

Kelly Colter – System Administrator, Special Ed - Algoma District School Board

- Check ins with JK's as follow ups to the January meetings and subsequent June visits by parents
- The Special Education classes are full
- DARE intermediate students are doing awesome (we will have them on the agenda for the October meeting)
- IEP review with principals to begin soon
- Ontario Special Needs Strategy (SNS) proposal needs to be in by the end of October
- Joint protocol for Youth in Care has been formalized by request of the Ministry of Education; If a Crown Ward changes schools, this will need to be signed off - Helen Scott asked if it is specific to Crown Wards or all children in care – only Crown Wards for right now

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

- Smooth start to the year
- Concerns re: senior staff leaving
- Committee of The Whole meeting saw monies donated to the breakfast program from the Steelworkers and a summary of the Summer Learning Program, coverage of this was on Sootoday.com on September 16, 2015 and is worth reading

8. Action Items


- Audrey to send list of meeting dates to all
- Audrey to forward email from Linda Graham re: Presentation
- Audrey to forward AG7 FASD registration form

9. Agenda items for Next meeting

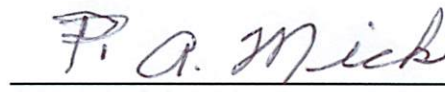
- Dare Intermediate Students
- Special Needs Ontario
- Accessibility

Next SEAC meeting date: October 26, 2015

10. Adjournment at 1:00



Kime Collyer
Superintendent of Education



Pat Mick
Chair