

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
Monday April 4, 2016  
D.T. Walkom Room  
12:00 Noon**

**Present**

Members: Pat Mick, Helen Scott, Heather Marshall, Lori Lambert, Dan Morgan, Linda Graham,  
Staff: K. Colter, B. Vallee, A. Caputo  
Trustees: Bob McEachren  
Guests: Eva McKenna and Mary Anne Wilson, ADSB  
Regrets: Priscilla Southwind, Amanda Gauthier, Janelle Martin, Morgan Levy, Russell Reid

**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 Agenda**

- Motion by Bob McEachren, 2nd by Helen Scott
- All in favour

**Pat Mick called for approval of February Minutes**

- Motion by Lori Lambert, 2nd by Bob McEachren
- All in favour

**Association Updates**

**Pat Mick– Community Living Algoma**

- Celebration of inclusion – fewer schools but the same # of entries
- The entries were excellent
- One student who won an iPad, showed how he used it at school to help his classmates

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

- Nothing to report

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

- Spoke about assessments being done
- Getting going with transitions
- Spoke to the changes in Autism standards in Ontario

**Helen Scott – Association for Bright Children**

- Nothing to report

### **Heather Marshall – NECCAC**

- Spoke about a new Care Coordinator hired for the Blind River area
- Also spoke about a new temporary part time mental health nurse being hired

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

- Nothing to report

### **Algoma District School Board**

**Brent Vallee, Superintendent of Education and Kelly Colter, System Coordinator Special Education Department**

#### **Brent Vallee**

- Spoke about Conscious Classrooms pilot with 4 school boards
- ADSB & HSCDSB in Sault Ste. Marie
- Focus is on Elementary SLC and PCC classrooms but are also doing secondary
- Spoke about Autism Awareness Day and we had 2 staff “taped to the wall”

#### **Kelly Colter**

- Spoke to changes to Autism Services in Ontario
- Explained IBI
- More money going to ABA (Broader than IBI)
- Spoke to CRCA meetings this week
- Spoke to the children existing on IBI wait lists and how the change in age eligibility is affecting them
- Explained that Sault Ste. Marie has more kids to add to the new IBI age range
- Spoke to the Dr. Stewart Shanker presentation and his research in Self-Regulation in children
- Explained how valuable the presentation was and described the physicality of stress and the brain

### **Hanen Presentation by Eva McKenna and Mary Anne Wilson**

- Eva explained the process of getting the funding to deliver training to a select group of ELKP teachers and their EA's
- Hanen is about oral language in the classroom
- Eva spoke of her personal experience and how find practical ways of delivering Speech and Language in early years classrooms
- They chose Hanen as it is highly recognized
- The teams learned everything in a similar manner and the “speak” they used was uniform and this makes it easier for them to deliver the message to students
- Mary Anne Wilson shared the value of the program to her
- The final product of all of the team feedback is on the ADSB website
- It has been a 4 year process
- Eva spoke to the quotes from the Learning Summit
- Kelly Colter asked about adding the information to the ADSB Portal
- 12 School Boards in Ontario has some affiliation with Hanen
- Lori Lambert and Heather Marshall both expressed how valuable the program is for children who don't have obvious disabilities
- Pat asked about children with non-verbal Autism – “are there improvements”? Lori Lambert indicates there is great research and benefits with Hanen
- Heather Marshall asked “are the teams still in Early Learning” - answer “some of them are”
- Sault College ECE program now trains students in “Learning Language and Loving it” and need to be certified
- Linda Graham asked “how many staff were trained” – answer “4”
- Linda Graham asked “can funding get more” – Answer “no”

**Report from the Board (Trustees) Bob McEachren**

- Presentation on Mental Math
- Update on Instructional Rounds
- Policy meetings
- Benefits of SAL
- Policy updated for pupil accommodations

Linda Graham asked about a student who approached her about getting more credits and how they would do that?  
Kelly Colter spoke about re-engagement programs at ADSB

Action Items – none

Next SEAC meeting date: May 9, 2016

**Motion to adjourn**

- Dan Morgan, 2nd by Linda Graham, all in favour
- Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm



Brent Vallee

Superintendent of Education



Pat Mick

Chair