

MINUTES OF MEETING
Monday, September 19, 2016
D.T. Walkom Room
12:00 Noon

Present

Members: Pat Mick, Heather Marshall, Dan Morgan, Linda Graham. Amanda Gauthier, Marnie Yourchuk and Sarah Anich

Staff: K. Colter, B. Vallee, C. Phillips

Trustees: Bob McEachren, Russell Reid

Regrets: Janelle Martin, Morgan Levy, Helen Scott, Lorie Lambert, Kate Lawrence, Lesley Wright

1. **Chair Mick called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.**
2. **Round Table Introduction of members, staff and guests**
3. **Pat Mick called for approval of June Minutes and September Agenda**
 - Agenda and minutes –B. McEachren and seconded by L. Graham, all in favour
4. **Correspondence- Letter from Limestone District School Board-**
 - The letter was written with concern of Special education funding allocation. Under the new funding model school boards are seeing a reduction of funding. The new model was introduced in 2014-2015 school years, and it was designed to equalize the level of payments from board to board. The new funding model is based on statics such as social, demographic and enrollment. In general, with most school boards needs are higher and money is decreasing. Algoma District School Board has been very fortunate so far that we haven't seen a large decrease of money.
5. **Presentation- None this month**
6. **Member Association Updates**
 - **Pat Mick– Community Living Algoma-** Annual summer BBQ was once again a success many families, and community partners enjoyed a sunny afternoon.
 - **Linda Graham - Ontario Association for Families with Communication Disorders-** nothing to report
 - **Heather Marshall – NECCAC—**School startup was once again busy trying to get all students ready and transitioned back into school mode. This year a focus will be on the East and North areas. Algoma District School Boards' IT department have been amazing to work with and were able to find ways to work around the firewalls, staff is now video conferencing to provide access to services in the East and North.
 - **Amanda Gauthier – Thrive-** Previously known as Children's Rehabilitation Centre of Algoma has a new name "Thrive Child Development Centre" the new name better describes what they do. A new sign was unveiled and updates to inside the building have been made.
 - **Dan Morgan – Canadian Mental Health Association-** Nothing to report
 - **Sara Anich: Sault Ste Marie LDAO-** Increased funding has enabled a fulltime position the program is up and running with great success. A protocol is now in place with both school boards that provides contact information to parents. Flyer –free works shop led by Angie DeMarco on October 11, 2016 at Sault College 7:00 p.m. - LD Means Learns Differently. October is Learning Disabilities Awareness month- Flag campaign October 12, 2016 at Sault College 10:30 a.m.

- **Marnie Yourchuk – North Shore Tribal Council** September 9th and 10th the educational day provided at White Fish Island information on the Huron Robinson Treaty. The G7 FASD is being held in Sault Ste. Marie, October 4,5,6 at Quattro Hotel.

7. Reports from Administration Brent Vallee, Superintendent of Education, Kelly Colter, System Coordinator Special Education Department

Brent Vallee

- Hand out “Who Our Team Is” job description and roles of 2016-2017 Special Education team.
- Hand out (IPRC Statistics from May 2016)
- Summer was busy with staff taking part with online training by Geneva Centre, teams travelled to Toronto to take part in the LD@School- 3rd Annual Educators Institute and Geneva Summer session.
- Supported learning class from Tarentorus moved to Grand View. Tarentorus has seen a large increase of students and now is almost at capacity.
- Classes are usually housed at schools in the east, west or central- to cut down on cost of transportation and time travel.
- Currently ADSB has seen an increase both in elementary and secondary but exact numbers will be discussed at tomorrow’s first board meeting.
- September 14, 2016- New SERTs orientation- roles and responsibility, introduction to the Special Education team, Krista provided a presentation on autism, training on IEP;s and trillium where highlighted. Hoping to meet with new SERTs about 3 or 4 times this school year.
- Testing for CAT4 and insight will be the first week of October.
- Updates on White Pines cafeteria are complete- students designed a more user friendly environment that has areas for students to sit, socialize, study, stand up desks and plug ins for electronic devices built into desks. Both staff and students are enjoying the new work area. A great article was written in Sootoday <https://www.sootoday.com/local-news/a-student-tells-us-whats-up-at-white-pines-415792>

Kelly Colter

- K. Colter along with Maxine Orr from Thrive and Rosanne Zagordo from Huron Superior Catholic School Board are working together on a protocol for special needs equipment request letters and a more universal ordering method for special needs students.
- Working towards all students who graduate or complete school at age 21 to have life skills and tools to survive in the world. Making connections with community partners, volunteering giving them skills for possible job or interest in leisure actives.
- Literacy testing for high school students will be accessed on line this year and will be taking place in October and in March. Limited accommodations (text to speech and additional time) for identify students on the online test at this time. Students who take part in October and pass do not have to write in March. The March session will provide either online or written.
- Survey: families with Students on IEPs- we are looking for feedback from our clients and how well students are being services and their experiences.

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

- First board meeting is tomorrow September 20, 2016
- B. McEachren school start up in the east has been great and students and staff are transition well back to school routine.
- R. Reid start up in the north- no complaints and everything seems to be running smoothly

9. Action Items

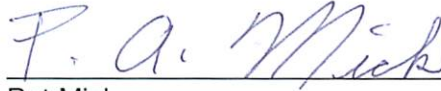
Next SEAC meeting date: Monday, October 24, 2016

Motion to adjourn

- D. Morgan , 2nd B. McEachren, all in favour
- Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm



Brent Vallee
Superintendent of Education



Pat Mick
Chair