



MINUTES OF MEETING
Monday, October 24, 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, Helen Scott, Lorie Lambert

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

Trustees: Bob McEachren, Russell Reid

Regrets: Janelle Martin, Morgan Levy

1. **Chair Pat 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 Renfrew County Catholic School Board** – The letter discusses PPM 156 *“Supporting Transitions for students with Special Needs”* Specifically to the transition out of secondary school and employment prospects for our students with disabilities. The letter went on to discuss collecting data and how many of our adult students with disabilities are employed and how many employees have disability. B. Vallee will contact our Human Resources Department to see if we are already collecting the data.
5. **Jim White, Ministry of Education**, sent an email for the update SEAC chair for 2016-2017. Algoma District School Board SEAC Chair – Pat Mick.
6. **Presentation- Daryl Fillmore, Algoma District School Boards Mental Health Lead**, provided an update on Mental Health: the Ministry in 2011 provided all school boards with funding for a Mental Health Lead, working with community partners the Algoma Model was created. Daryl also works with Sault Area Hospital regarding Crisis and the CAP Unit. Once students are ready to return to school, a transition meeting is organized to help support re-entry. Algoma District School Board also has a Special Assignment teacher for Well Being K-12 Davey Taylor. Algoma District School Board has many programs available for our students:
 - **AI’s Pal’s** – universal social emotional learning programs delivered to our JK students across the board; September saw over 75 transitions from SAH and 36 mental health consultation.
 - **Project ABCD** – Action for building a community that is drug free – started 7 years ago – engages students, SSM Police, OPP, Batchewana and Anishnabek Police Services to minimize the impact of drugs in our communities;
 - **Link Crew** – trained senior high school students to link with 1st year students prior to the start of high school and provide mentorship and connection throughout the year – encouraging social engagement and active school participation;
 - **Well Being Special Assignment Teacher** – engage student across the board in developing healthy and physically active lifestyles along with positive coping strategies.

7. Presentation: JPSA- Joint Protocol for Student Achievement (Kelly Colter)

- JPSA began September 2016, outlines collaborative practices and processes to support the education success and well-being of children and youth in the care of Children's Aid Society. The protocol was created by joint effort of the Children's Aid Society, Algoma District School Board the Huron Superior Catholic School Board, the Nouvel- Ontario and Grand Nord de L' Ontario.
- (2) protocols- Sudbury/ Manitoulin and Algoma region.
- K. Colter spoke about transition meetings and how we can support students best. If a child is being moved in care we try to keep the child at the school they are presently attended.
- **K. Colter spoke about an audit that was completed in 2014- 94.6% of Ministry Crown Wards were identified as students with special needs:**
- Video- very emotional and moving video used by CAS for foster parents showing crown ward students explaining in their own words what "education key to change" means.
- Coping skills for the children by having paint nights, bags etc.

8. Member Association Updates

- **Pat Mick- Community Living Algoma-** Flyer –"Together We're Better" a contest inviting all elementary aged students to take part in, by creating a song, dance, poem, video story etc. Many cool Prizes the school can win.
- **Linda Graham - Ontario Association for Families with Communication Disorders-** Nothing to report.
- **Heather Marshall – NECCAC**— school year startup was a success, focusing on the district schools.
- **Amanda Gauthier – Thrive-** Presentation of the unveiling of the new name "Thrive".
- **Sara Anich LDAO-** Busy working with Angie Demarco from the Sudbury LDAO this month, Angie Demarco will be doing a presentation for SERTs. Sarah has also done presentations for students in Blind River, East View and HM Robbins. Sault College approximately has 1100 students and 50 are identified with a Learning Disability. Students. Took part in the Flag raising, awareness of Learning Disability activities for October (Learning Disabilities Awareness Month).
- **Lori Lambert – Infant & Child Development Program:** School startup was busy and smooth with a large numbers of JK students with high needs entering the school system this year.
- **Dan Morgan – Canadian Mental Health Association-** nothing to report
- **Helen Scott – Association for Bright Children:** Expressed that there is a need for better identification and programming for gifted students and can assist with resources.
- **Marnie Yourchuk – North Shore Tribal Council :** nothing to report

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

Brent Vallee and Kelly Colter:

- Superintendent Brenda O'Neill will be retiring around Christmas.
- Special Assignment Teacher (James Kerr) has been acting as Vice Principal at Superior Heights. Interviews for his SEAT position will take place this week.
- PD Day- Angie Demarco from the Learning Disability Association presented to SERTs, and the Special Education team.
- B. Vallee and K. Colter traveled to Toronto for a course on "Advanced Issues in Special Education Law". Topics included Human Rights issues, Violence/Aggressive Behaviour in schools, best practices for assisting students with Special Education needs during lock-down procedures, and legal issues around the IPRC, SEAB, and SET processes. H. Scott spoke about a recent lawsuit that in Toronto where parents of a mainstream student were suing the school board for safety concerns arising from the integration of a child with special needs in the class.

- Jim White from the Ministry of Education is joining us in November to do a presentation on Special Incidence Portion (SIP) funding and will be reviewing Algoma District School Board's Care, Treatment, and Custody programs.
- FASD G7 will be held early November in Sault Ste Marie, once again we will be able to send staff to the workshop.
- EQAO on-line testing- crashed by a cyber-attack.

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

- B. McEachren recently attended a conference in Toronto- which focused on Equity, conclusion that the graduation rate lower in the North
- R. Reid -Darryl Filmore presented at the last board meeting on Mental Health. Marty Stilin spoke about EQAO.

11. Action Items

Next SEAC meeting date: Monday, November 28, 2016

Motion to adjourn

- Linda Graham , 2nd Lori Lambert, all in favour
- Meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm



Brent Vallee
Superintendent of Education



Pat Mick
Chair