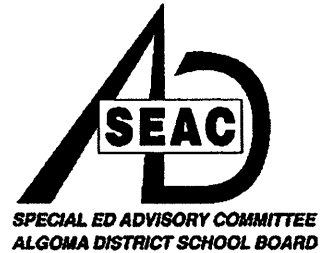


**ALGOMA DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE S.E.A.C**



MINUTES OF MEETING
Monday, June 5th, 2017
D.T. Walkom Room
12:00 Noon

Present

Members: Pat Mick, Leslie Wright, Linda Graham, Dan Morgan
Staff: K. Colter, B. Vallee, C. Phillips
Trustees: Jennifer Sarlo, Russell Reid
Regrets: Janelle Martin, Morgan Levy, Amanda Gauthier, Helen Scott, Sarah Mansfield
Heather Marshall

1. Chair Pat Mick called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

2. Round Table Introduction of members, staff and guests

3. Pat Mick called for approval of February Minutes and March Agenda

- Agenda approved by - D. Morgan and seconded by L. Wright. All in favour.
- Minutes approved by R. Reid and seconded by P. Mick. All in favour.

1.(a) Draft changes to Annual Special Education Plan:

- Next board meeting B. Vallee will present the Special Education Plan for approval. B. Vallee provided an overview sheet that outlined all changes that were made in the Special Education Plan. Some of these changes include an update of staff, updated number of students on IEPs and in different categories of exceptionality, a profile page for Blind and Low Vision, and an updated section regarding special education funding.

2.(a) Special Education Budget :Guest - Superintendent Santa Maria

- The Ministry was about 4 weeks later this year with providing school boards with the budget report, causing a delay with the Algoma District School Board's budget for 2017-2018.
- J. Santa Maria discussed the 2017-2018 budget proposal that will be presented at the next board meeting. He is pleased that the amount of money for special needs students represents a slight increase compared to the previous year.
- B Vallee discussed the various components of Special Education Funding – a section on this is now included in the Special Education Plan

- It is always a struggle to secure the amount of money needed for our special needs students. Increases in the numbers of students identified with special needs, declining enrolment rates and funding make it difficult. Most boards across the province (include ADSB) spend more on special education than they receive.

3.(a) Recommendations for further changes/focus areas

- B. Vallee spoke to the SEAC members about changing SEAC meetings from Mondays to Tuesdays for the 2017-2018 school year. A number of factors have made Monday meetings difficult. A vote favoring the date change to Tuesdays for the 2017-2018 SEAC year was held.

2. Member Association Update

Pat Mick – Community Living Algoma

- Annual Community Living Algoma Appreciation Lunch will be held this month.

Heather Marshall – Local Health Integration Networks.

- Nothing to add except a recent name change to Local Integration Networks.

Dan Morgan – Canadian Mental Health Association

- Ride, Don't Hide, June 25, 2017 fundraiser. Location Bellevue Park Picnic shelter. Routes are 5 and 25 km.

Leslie Wright – Infant & Child Development Program:

- Busy with transition meeting for JK/SK who will be in schools next year.
- Excited for the summer transition program which will be running again this summer with the focus on a 3 week session where 1 week speech is focused on, the next week is (2 week focus on language), helping prepare our JK/ SK students.

Linda Graham - Ontario Association for Families with Communication Disorders

- Nothing to report.

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

- B. Vallee: staff changes for 2017-2018: K. Colter returns to a school-based principal position, 2 of our current SEATs will be taking vice-principal positions in the system, and our Speech and Language Pathologist will be taking a maternity leave.
- Staffing process: staff that were on the recall list will be next to be looked at for positions for September - long process that will not be completed until September.
- K. Colter busy with JK/SK Transition meetings, approximately 50 students will be entering. She feels it is great that we are catching the students now instead of just before September. This helps build a relationship between the school and parent.
- Special education staff have been working closely with teachers and principals who have supported learning classes over the past month

4. Report from the Board (Trustees)

- Currently a few schools are in the Accommodation Review process: Arthur Henderson, Blind River Public School and Sir James Dunn.
- Grand opening of the Sergeant John Faught Fieldhouse located at Superior Heights Field. A collaborative effort among the Board, our community partners, and our students (who were able to participate in the building of the FieldHouse as a construction project).

Next SEAC meeting date: Tuesday, September 19, 2017

Motion to adjourn

- J. Sarlo, seconded by L. Graham. All in favour.
- Meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm



Brent Vallee
Superintendent of Education



Pat Mick
Chair