

MINUTES OF MEETING  
Monday, March 20, 2017  
D.T. Walkom Room  
12:00 Noon

Present

Members: Pat Mick, Heather Marshall, Amanda Gauthier, Lori Lambert,

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

Trustees: B. McEachren, R. Reid

Regrets: Janelle Martin, Morgan Levy, Russell Reid, Linda Graham, Helen Scott, Morgan,  
Sarah Mansfield

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–A. Gauthier and seconded by H. Marshall all in favour
    - Minutes approved by B McEachren Second by Lambert, all in favour
- 1(b) **Correspondence- Letter: Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic School Board: Special Education Formula and Bluewater District School Board.**
- Both letters were written in regard to the reduction of the Special Education Funding and the new funding allocation model for the Special Education Needs Amount. With the increasing amount of students who are high needs and the decline in funding School Boards are feeling pressure.
  - Algoma District School Board has been fortunate not to be impacted.
  - P. Mick asked if SEAC should write a support letter, at this time no, but a letter to MASE with regards to having someone from the north been on the committee would be a letter that we should address.

## 2. **Member Association Update**

**Pat Mick– Community Living Algoma-** Community Living Algoma is waiting to set a date to meet with White Pine's student Ben McDonald from the Student Voice.

**Heather Marshall – NECCAC- North** East Community Care Access Centre

- Pleased that the Current wait list has dropped down from over a year wait to 5 month.
- The fine motor skill program that is 6-8 weeks has been a great success again this year.
- Running the Fine motors skills sessions again, currently at RM Moore and Mountain View. An OT from NECCAC works with a class for approximately 6-8 weeks. A Three tier process; working with the teacher and class, breaking down into smaller groups and working one on one.
- Targeting the SK, grade one classes.

**Amanda Gauthier – Thrive-** nothing to report

### Lori Lambert – Infant & Child Development Program:

- Just finishing up another round of psych assessments of 14 young children were able to have assessment.
- Busy with transition meeting for JK/SK who will be in schools next year

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

- K. Coulter busy with JK/SK Transition meetings, approximately 50 students will be entering great that we are catching the students now instead of before September. This help build a relationship between the school and parent.
- Completed the "IEP EQAO Sessions" all grade 3, 6, 7, 8 and instructional leads took part in the workshop. Sarah Mansfield from LDAO was also able to present. In the afternoon the session was broke up into groups where each group worked on a case study of a student.
- Request for Home instruction has increased mostly with students who anxiety,
- February's PD day was focused on training all Education Assistants with BMS training.
- School and Attendance Counsellors took part in Assist training.
- B. Vallee travelled to Toronto for the Ministry SMH Assist session. The two day event focused on networking with other school boards, Bruce Ferguson as a key note speaker, the session was broken up into groups and sharing of mental health problems and referral process was a topic.
- Ministry meeting-a team of 7, drove down to Sudbury on Feb 27, 2017 to take part in the Feedback session for the Provincial Framework for Alternative Programs and course (K-12) it was a great session were topics discussed were integration transition, personal living, social skills, how we can tailored programs to support students in DARE, Communication class and Community ED.
- March 30<sup>th</sup> 2017- EQAO testing, it will be completed in booklet form, to avoid the issues that occurred in the fall with the cyber-attack on the website.
- Kelly meet with CCRC- Community Care Access Center, Algoma Family Services, Thrive and other community parents on the process for students who are on the waiting list for assessment and diagnoses. The list for students who are waiting for assessments is very high.
- Dr. Kornel who travels from Ottawa does not take referrals from the School Board. About 4 times a year Dr. Kornel travels up to the Sault Ste. Marie to provide assessments.
- Parents can pay for there on testing but it is very expensive

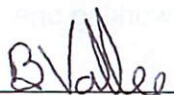
### **4. Report from the Board (Trustees)**

- B. McEachren last board meeting a presentation on robotics by two students who attend Missarenda was amazing, two students will be travelling to representative Algoma District School Board in the finals.
- A discussion on the new policy from Health and Safety, Harassment in the work place.
- Currently a few schools are in the Accommodation Review process, Arthur Henderson, Blind River Public School and Sir James Dunn up in

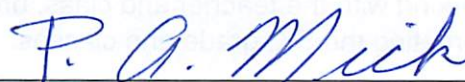
**Next SEAC meeting date: Monday, April 3, 2017**

### **Motion to adjourn**

- B McEachren, Mc, 2<sup>nd</sup> L. Lambert all in favour
- Meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm



Brent Vallee  
Superintendent of Education



Pat Mick  
Chair