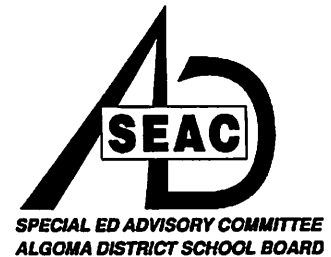


**ALGOMA DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE S.E.A.C.**



MINUTES OF MEETING

Monday, October 21, 2013

D.T. Walkom Room

12:00 Noon

Present

Members: P. Mick, V. Greco, Amanda Gauthier, L. Lambert, L. Tombari, Janelle Martin, H. Scott, P. Southwind, Teleconference

Staff: K. Collver, K. Colter, C. Phillips Marilu Horton- teleconference

Trustees: B. McEachren, R.Reid- teleconference

Regrets Casey Burgess, D. Morgan,

P. Mick called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

1. Welcome (Approval of Agenda)

Agenda motioned for approval by B. McEachren and seconded by V. Greco- All in Favor – Carried

2. Round Table Introduction of members, staff and guests

3. Approval of Agenda and Minutes for September 23, 2013

Motioned for approval for revised minutes by V. Greco and seconded by L. Tombari- All in Favor – Carried

4. Correspondence-

- a) Ontario Early Years Document - information regarding full day kindergarten.
- b) LDAS- Flyer- Jonathan Mooney, October 21, 2013, 7pm at Sudbury Secondary School. The flyer had been sent out to all SERT's and Community Outreach Programs.

- a. Pamphlet “Education, Engaging Experiential Workshop” is for students, parents, educators and community organizations across Northeastern Ontario. The pamphlet will be put in portal and has been sent out to all SERT’s
- c) Building the Next Phase in Ontario Education - ADSB senior Administration team and a few community partners took part in a webcast Thursday, October 10, 2013. Minister Sandals addressed the group regarding the direction of the Ministry of Education. There was an opportunity for input from our board.
- d) MASCE report minutes from June 2013 – were shared
- e) IEP trend report – positive results. Next steps M. Horton, K. Colter have followed up with SERTs to review the IEPs submitted.

5. Presentation – Marilu Horton – Portal resource - Learning Disability

M. Horton shared the information that is in the special education portal for SERTs on Learning Disabilities. There are internal and external links that SERTs are able to access to support teachers, students and share information.

M. Horton spoke about the website offered by CNIB- all teachers in Ontario are able to download electronic text book or novels. Teachers are registered on this site and register students who are identified. The website allows access for free text book or novels. CNIB will create and send a hard copy or in braille, daisy digital, tapes, CD’s and Kurzweil. The Public Library also offers resources and audio books. Students who have a print impairment, learning or visual, physical impairment are able to use the site. There are copyright laws that prohibit all students from accessing the resource.

M. Horton asked the group for any suggestions or any information they requested added to the portal. - V. Greco – add the link for eBooks from the library.

J. Martin commented students in rural areas do not have access to the Sault Ste. Marie Library.

6. Association Updates

- a) P. Mick– Community Living Algoma
 - Nothing to add this month.
- b) A. Gauthier- Children’s Rehab
 - Funding increase – CRCA able to hire another occupational therapist
- c) **J. Martin- elementary and secondary letter, pressure the government.**
 - Self-management information session for people living with chronic conditions. The workshop covers Healthy eating, exercise, managing pain,

fatigue, stress, medication, communicating with health professionals, making decisions about treatment. www.selfmangement.ca

- Spoke about her concerns for the 7/8 start up at CASS; felt that October was too long for IEP's to take place.

d) L. Lambert – Infant Development Program

- Don't Wait & See - November 5 2013, an information session for parents of young children (18 months). The workshop provides information on milestones that children should have met by 18 months. There are supports available before the child enters school.

e) L. Tombari

- Nothing to report at this time

f) V. Greco - Learning Disabilities

- Article day care in Quebec, seeing the advantage with the Universal day care. An article in the Global mail.
- E Books that are now offered at the Public Library
- Learning disability month- junior A hockey teams captains have teamed up and are taking a leadership role.

g) M. Yourchuck-

- Excited for the "Third World Canada" presentation that will be occurring throughout the district this week. 3rd World Canada is a 46-minute documentary produced by Productions Cazabon that follows an impoverished First Nations community over the course of two years as it struggles to care for eight children left behind by their parents' suicides. Through first-person testimony and with this tragedy as a backdrop, the film exposes many of the factors that lead to the marginalization of First Nations people and offers an intimate portrait of a community's testimony spoken from the heart.

h) Priscilla Southwind

- She has been part of case conferences with students who are presenting with FASD. Important to meet with the family and the school to look at ways to support the student(s).

i) H. Scott- nothing to report

7. Discussion/ Information Items

- Vinnie Greco- previous handout MACSE – questions for the public consultation – looking for input from our SEAC to respond to questions.

8. Up-dates from Superintendent K. Collver

- Introduction of Sandy Irwin, Craig Watson - Mental Health & Addiction Nurses.
 - Sandy and Craig provided an overview of their role in the schools supporting students. One focus is the transition planning from the hospital back to the school environment.
 - Students are able to access the MHAN without a referral via personal contact, teleconference, and video conference.
- October 28, 2013 – in service for SERTs - FASD – Allan Mountford – teacher with the Durham Board of Education will be working with
- Small team heading to Sudbury to take part in the Ministry consultation regarding alternative learning - October 28, 2013
- Section 23 in service for teachers coming from the Ministry
- November 4,5 and November 24, 25 staff have the opportunity to take part in the Mental Health First Aid – Heather Whitfield will be facilitating
- New funding model for special education. K. Collver has been asked to sit on a working committee looking at different funding models
- Testing will start in October CAT4 and Insight testing for grade 3 and 4 students.
- Welcome C. Reinhart our new SLP she will beginning October 28, 2013

9. Report from the Board (Trustees) B. McEachren

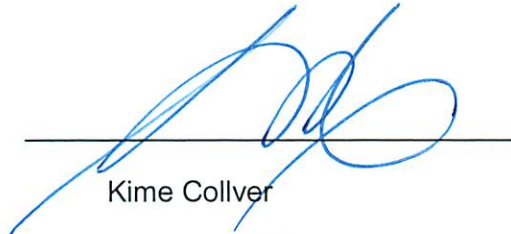
- Last Board meeting a presentation from a new program for teen parents. Has been very successful at Etienne Brule. Parents can earn credits and take part in the Parent and Family Literacy Centres. J. Martin commented on how she had the opportunity to work with the young parents from the program by providing a presentation and tour of the library. She was pleased to see a mom from the group at the library days after the session.
- EQAO parent form on November 23, 2013 Delta Hotel from 9- 2 pm. Parents are asked to register by November 6, 2013

10. Agenda items for Next meeting

- Portal- Gifted
- New math curriculum
- **Casey's hand outs**

11. Adjournment at 1:50

Motioned for approval by V. Greco and seconded by B. McEachren - All in Favor –
Carried



Kime Collver
Superintendent of Education



Pat Mick
Chair