

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



MINUTES OF MEETING
Monday, November 18, 2013
D.T. Walkom Room
12:00 Noon

Present

Members: P. Mick, Amanda Gauthier, L. Lambert, H. Scott, Casey Burgess, D. Morgan

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

Trustees: B. McEachren, R. Reid- teleconference

Regrets: J. Martin, L. Tombari, K. Colter, P. Southwind, M. Yourchuck, V. Greco

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 October

Motioned for approval for revised minutes by L. Lambert and seconded by B. McEachren- All in Favor – Carried

Introduction of the new Speech- Language Pathologist

Colleen Reinhart graduated from the Speech-Language Pathology program at the University of Toronto in July 2013. She had clinical placements at Holland Bloorview Kids Rehab, the Speech and Stuttering Institute, Holland Bloorview Kids Rehab and Zareinu Educational Centre, a private school for children with special needs.

4. Correspondence-

Trillium Lakelands District School Board - concerned regarding the funding model for Special Education. The funding model needs to reflect actual students' needs and programming requirements.

5. Presentation – Marilu Horton – ADSB Special Education Portal – topic Giftedness

The portal is for all SERT's – it is a link they are able to access to support our special education students. We also have added resources to for all the exceptionalities. For our “gifted” students we have resources from the Association of Bright Child (ABC) with links that provide strategies and teaching methods for gifted students.

The Teacher's Gateway to Special Education link is also located on the portal.

6. Association Updates

P. Mick– Community Living Algoma, excited for this year's inclusion contest. Information will be sent out to elementary and secondary students in early January.

H. Scott- Association for Bright Children

Nothing to report from the Association for Bright Children

Wondering about gifted rating scale that Algoma District School Board recently adopted, she had heard concerns from parents and some teachers. K. Collver reassured H. Scott it is the same scale as the Peel District School Board in Toronto has been using for years and hasn't heard of any concerns.

A.Gauthier- Children's Rehab, Children's Rehab has been busy with transitioning students working alongside Algoma Public Health.

L. Lambert – Infant Development Program, “Don't Wait and See” - a program designed for toddler's 18 months to make sure they are and have reached milestones. The program was designed to help parents with toddlers to recognize challenges their child may having prior to entering school. Busy with transition students especially JK referrals

D. Morgan, Mental Health association- Nothing to report

C. Burgess- see discussion item

7. Discussion/ Information Items

C. Burgess provided information on Transition Planning Protocol for Young People with a Developmental Disability.

The tri-ministry protocols outlines an agreement between community organizations and school boards on how they will work together to help support the transition of a young

person with a developmental disability to adulthood. The protocols build on existing regional transition processes to provide a more consistent and coordinated approach to supporting young people's transition to adulthood. The protocols specify that:

- every young person with a developmental disability will have a single integrated transition plan that will inform educational planning and help the young person transition from secondary school and child-centred services to adulthood;
- planning will begin early; and
- Transition planning processes will be integrated, consistent, and transparent.

8. Up-dates from Superintendent K. Collver and Special Education Program/Services

- SERT meeting, presentation on FASD, Allan Mountford, teacher and guest speaker spoke about strategies for students who present with FASD. The key message is to be proactive instead of reactive.
- The next PD is December 20th a workshop is planned for all EAs at Superior Heights in the morning; video conferencing will be available for staff located in the east and north.
- Accessibility planning Algoma District School Board's team has been busy working on the remaining policies, and will be bringing it to Admin Counsel for approval in January.
- K. Colter has been busy focusing on the Section 23 programs. The Gord Saunders "Operation Spring Board" focuses on both Elementary and Secondary students similar to the care and treatment program where education along with drug, social and anger treatment are available.
- Grade 3 testing has been completed and results – early January
- In January Family of Schools for SERTs meeting.

9. Report from the Board (Trustees) B. McEachren & R. Reid

- Last board meeting White Pines student, Megan Lee spoke about her walk to support and raise money for human trafficking. In Vancouver, women are brought from Asia, promised a better life but are forced in to prostitution. The Grade 11 student organized the walk where many students and staff took part.
- Review of Algoma District School Board's Green code, this is when a school shuts down because something is happening around the school, could be a standoff with police, gas leak, etc.
- EQAO- testing workshop for parents in November.

10. Agenda items for Next meeting

M. Horton- Portal - Behaviour

D. Lauzsus and J. Barbeau update from the Closing the Gap Conference

11. Adjournment at 1:10

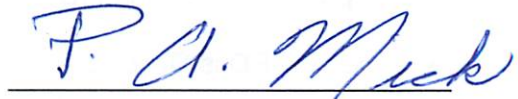
Motioned for approval by A. Gauthier and seconded by B. McEachren - All in Favor – Carried



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Kime Colver

Superintendent of Education



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Pat Mick

Chair