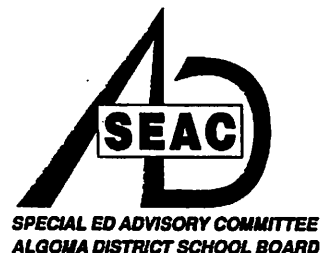


**ALGOMA DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**  
**SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE S.E.A.C.**



**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**Tuesday, May 13, 2014**  
**D.T. Walkom Room**  
**12:00 Noon**

**Present**

**Members:** P. Mick, A. Gauthier, D. Morgan, H. Scott, J. Martin, L.Tombari,  
P. Southwind- teleconference

**Staff:** K. Colver, C. Phillips, K. Colter

**Trustees:** R. Reid, B. McEachren

**Guests:** Joe Santa Maria, Linda Kirby, Dona Menard Calder

**Regrets:** V. Greco, L. Lambert, P. Southwind, M. Horton, M. Yourchuk, C. Burgess

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

**1. Welcome (Approval of Agenda)**

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

**2. Round Table Introduction of members, staff and guests**

**3. Approval of Agenda and Minutes for January**

Motioned for approval for revised minutes by D. Morgan seconded by B. McEachren - All in Favor – Carried

**4. Correspondence - Letter from PaAc the Provincial Parent Association Advisory Committee requesting SEAC Members to complete a short the survey, approximately 15 to 20 minutes and it can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/YXYNN2Z>.**

- a) **Letter - Hasting and Prince Edward District School Board** – supporting mandatory special education preparatory courses for all teachers graduating from teacher education programs in Ontario.
- b) **Follow up from last SEAC meeting** - definition of autism – Ministry responded will be something to look at following the election.
- c) **Minutes from MACSE - Barry Finlay, Directory of the Special Education Policy and Programs Branch** - All 72 school boards received funding for a Mental Health Leader in 2013-2014. The ministry continues to work with the Ministry of Children and Youth Services and the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC) on integrating transition planning for youth with developmental disabilities and how to transition these youth into adult services. Learning for All session April 29, 2014.

#### **5. Budget - Joe Santa Maria- Superintendent of Business**

- Joe Santa Maria provided an overview of the newly released budget from the Ministry of Education. The new funding formula - some boards will gain in money while other boards will see reductions in funding. It is anticipated that ADSB will see a reduction in special education funding. Mr. Santa Maria will report back in June with a finalized budget.

#### **6. Guest - Linda Kirby, JK-8 Student Achievement Coordinator, Instructional Lead**

- Ms. Kirby shared the role of the Instructional Leads - will be responsible to support the effective implementation of literacy and numeracy strategies. They will support teachers in the integration of technology into their daily instructional practice, including using and modeling technology as an instructional tool to support student learning. They will also support cross-curricular and integrated learning in all subjects' areas.

#### **7. Association Updates**

##### **P. Mick– Community Living Algoma.**

- Appreciate luncheon Moose Lodge.
- Nothing else to add

##### **L. Tombari, Ontario Association for Families with Communication Disorders**

- O.A.F.C.C. D Newsletter

##### **A. Gauthier- Children's Rehabilitation Centre Algoma-**

- Nothing to add

##### **J. Martin- Spina Bifida & Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario**

- Nothing to add from her association

- Wondering about technology – how technology is being used in the classroom – what devices are being provided to our students. More information following a team meeting with Apple to review our needs.

#### **D. Morgan - Mental Health Association**

- Nothing to add

#### **H. Scott - Association for Bright Children**

- Nothing to add for Association for Bright Children
- Superintendent Collver – follow up on query from previous meeting. Reminder that ADSB implemented CAT 4/Insight testing this year for all Grade 3 students – identifying student earlier. Gifted Rated Scale is currently being used as a screening tool – part of the process that has been outlined a previous SEAC meetings.
- Gifted students as identified through the IPRC process - 41 and the students are in all different grades

#### **P. Southwind, North Shore Tribal Council- provided**

- Very busy with case management throughout the Sault Ste Marie and the Algoma Region. Excited for the FASD Session that will be held in June at Sault College, geared around educators who are working with students with FASD.

### **8. Discussion/ Information Items Special Education Plan**

- K. Collver presented the draft Special Education Plan for final review and approval. Still waiting for the Budget to be added in, but is hoping to have it approved at the June's Board meeting.

### **9. Update from Superintendent K. Collver & Special Education Staff - Special Ed Program/ Services**

- May's SERT meeting focused "Giftedness" . Working with SERTs to review assessments profile, recommendations, and programming.
- Special Assignment Teachers are busy with IPRC meeting and transition meetings for our new JK/SK students
- Learning for All- K. Colter and K. Collver went to Toronto in May for the unveiling of Learning for ALL. It is no longer draft, Program team will be introducing soon.
- ABA, Toronto April 30, 2014 Diana Lauszus had an opportunity to take part in the one day workshop.

#### **Dona Menard Calder- Mental Health update**

- Asist training is scheduled in April and May – Mental Health Nurses will be facilitating

- Restorative Justice training in March
- Safe Talk – staff has been trained and is training staff in their schools.
- Sault College has a new protocol to help support students transition from grade 12 to colleges who have mental health.

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

- Budget - middle of June
- 5 year policy review
- Last meeting Mary EQAO – enlightening what she is doing with our staff,
- ACR Etienne Brule next Board meeting

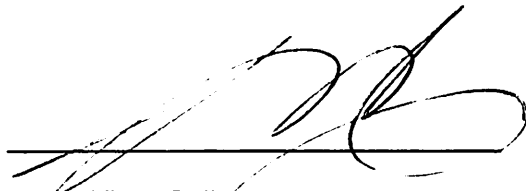
**11. Agenda items for Next meeting**

- Apple update
- Review Learning for all document
- Joe Santa Maria- Budget up date

Next SEAC meeting date: June 17, 2014

**12. Adjournment at 1:30**


Motioned for approval by B. McEachren and seconded by R. Reid All in Favor – Carried



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Kime Collver

Superintendent of Education



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Pat Mick

Chair