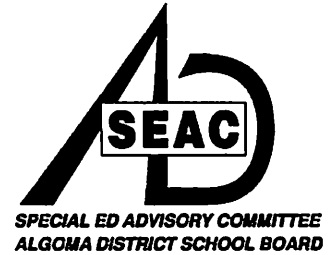


**ALGOMA DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE S.E.A.C.**



MINUTES OF MEETING
Tuesday, April 15, 2014
D.T. Walkom Room
12:00 Noon

Present

Members: P. Mick, Amanda Gauthier, D. Morgan, C. Burgess, H. Scott, teleconference
M. Yourchuk

Staff: K. Collver, C. Phillips

Trustees: R. Reid- teleconference, B. McEachren

Guests: Morgan Levy

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

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-

- a) Letter- Greater Essex County District School Board – regarding proposed funding
model for special education.

- b) Letter - Niagara Catholic District School Board – regarding pre-service teaching programs have Special Education Part 1 as a mandatory course.
- c) Letter - Rainbow District School Board – regarding speech and language services for school aged children in Ontario.

5. Presentation Special Education Portal- Alternative programing

- K. Collver provided the committee with an overview of the Alternative programming section of the special education portal.
- Supports include web based resources as well as printed resources for SERTs to share with their school staff. This section lists websites to support students who do not follow the Ontario curriculum

6. Association Updates

P. Mick– Community Living Algoma.

- Community Living Algoma's next gathering is in May and it is an appreciation luncheon. Inclusion contest - March 6, 2014 at the Water Tower Inn. All top winners and their families were invited for food and celebration in honour of our recent contest.

Morgan Levy- Learning Disability Association and Algoma Family Services

- Sault College 3 years mental health hub provides mental health needs for high school entering into college.
- Learning Disability Association- for parents who are struggling when children enter college and not sure how to support students with IEP, Sault College is trying to make the transition easier for students with IEP's
- Algoma Family Services- The Great Dream Draw - tickets are now available. Proceeds go to support child and youth mental health services in Sault Ste. Marie and the District!

A. Gauthier- Children's Rehabilitation Centre Algoma-

- Working with Community Living Algoma and the YMCA, Children's Rehab was able to send students to camp over the March break. CLA. Excited that 6 more staff will be hired for the summer programs at the YMCA.

D. Morgan - Mental Health Association-

- Save the date - Clara's big ride June 24, 2014 at the Roberta Bondar Pavilion 6:30-9:30 p.m. an evening for family fun focused on ending the stigma surrounding mental health in our community.
- Family services are schedule for May 6- 26, 2014 four sessions in total.
- The Police Satellite station will be opening soon on Gore Street. The Mental Health association and other downtown businesses have been helping with donations to the new second location. It will be a great asset for the downtown core.

H. Scott - Association for Bright Children,

- Query – gifted rating scale – is this rating scale effective?
- Query – the number of gifted students in ADSB?

C Burgess, Autism Ontario –

- Excited that more families are being connected by social media – Facebook. Parents are taking part in in the excellent parent support groups which is great to see.
- April is Autism awareness month, and a few local bars have made signature drinks in support of Autism
- Excited for more autism Workshops coming up in the future months
- The Bushplane museum put on a dinner where a great turn out came to support Autism awareness.

7. Discussion/ Information Items Special Education Plan

- K. Collver discussed the 2014-2015 Special Education Plan. The definitions of the exceptionalities are provided by the Ministry and don't change.
- C. Burgess wonders about the definition of Autism, in recent years the definition has changed. K. Collver will contact Jim White from the Ministry and discussed the definition.
- IPRC numbers are higher than last year, and it seems that more males are identified with more exceptionalities then females
- Transportation form request - Parents will have to complete a requesting form for transportation.

8. Update from Superintendent K. Collver & Special Education Staff- Special Ed Program/ Services

- K. Colter, K. Collver, Kate Mohamed, Linda Kirby are heading to Toronto for Learning for All.
- ABA session K. Colter and K. Collver will be heading to Toronto in April.
- SERT meeting May 2 – focus giftedness

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

- Organization has been approved; secondary projecting 117 decrease- 8 teachers high school 196 down- 14 regular class room teachers.
- Enrollment is starting to stabilize
- Aweres Public School – accommodation review completed and the board passed motion to close for 2014 – 2015 school year.

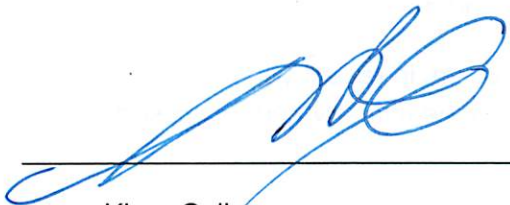
10. Agenda items for Next meeting

- **Responses to Helen Scott questions**
- **Program staff – instructional leads**
- **Feedback Monday/ Tuesday**

Next SEAC meeting date: May 13, 2014

11. Adjournment at 1:30

Motioned for approval by B. McEachren and seconded by C. Burgess All in Favor – Carried



Kime Collver

Superintendent of Education



Pat Mick

Chair