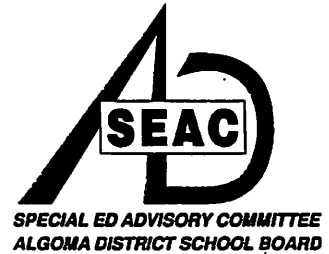


ALGOMA DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE S.E.A.C.



MINUTES OF MEETING
Tuesday, February 25, 2014
D.T. Walkom Room
12:00 Noon

Present

Members: P. Mick, Amanda Gauthier, L. Lambert, D. Morgan, L. Tombari, J. Martin,
P. Southwind, C. Burgess, M. Yorchuk

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

Trustees: R. Reid

Guests: Heather Whitfield, Nicole Battocchio

Regrets: V. Greco, H. Scott, B. McEachren

P. Mick called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

1. Welcome (Approval of Agenda)

Agenda motioned for approval by L. Lambert and seconded L. Tombari -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 L. Lambert seconded by L. Tombari - All in
Favor – Carried

4. Correspondence-

- **Letter- Renfrew County District School Board-** to the Minister of Education regarding the funding model and the proposed changes to the funding model

- **Memo from the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities:** regarding transition plans for students who have developmental needs.

5. Presentation Special Education Portal- Behaviour

- M. Horton provided the committee with an overview of the Behaviour 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 also includes information regarding FASD and mental health

6. Presentation: White Pines C & VS- Support of Students

N. Battocchi SERT from White Pines C& VS and H. Whitfield – Special Education Assignment Teacher provided an over view of the support that is in place at White Pines C & VS for students who are on an IEP and accessing technology. Teachers working with Nicole have materials downloaded for students which the students are then able to access independently. Text books are able to be downloaded. Approx. 55 exams were completed electronically last semester. Students are able to stay in the classrooms or exam area. Students are bringing their own devices to school and able to work independently.

J. Martin – queried about the support at the elementary level.

Technology can be accessed at all schools and how the students use the technology would be based on their IEP. If there is a specific concern it should be brought the teacher, principal.

7. Association Updates

- **P. Mick– Community Living Algoma -** The Inclusion Contest will be announcing the winners soon.
- **L. Tombari, Ontario Association for Families with Communication Disorders -** nothing at this time
- **A.Gauthier- Children’s Rehabilitation Centre Algoma-** Nothing at this time
- **L. Lambert – Infant & Child Development Program – Algoma Public Health, --** Assessment clinic. Many of the JK and SK students having difficulty with self-regulation – some students are on a modified day – are there ways to be more consistent with students on modified days.
- **D. Morgan, Mental Health Association-** Nothing at this time
- **C Burgess, Autism Ontario –** Join us on World Autism Awareness Day, April 2nd, and Raise the Flag! |

- **V. Greco, Learning Disability Association**, was not able to attend but had sent out for SEAC members to "Survival Guide", which is an excellent resource.
- **J. Martin- Spina Bifada & Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario**- New calendar will be coming out soon – also special walk will take place June 8, 2014 – newsletter to follow
- **P. Southwind, North Shore Tribal Council**- provided the committee with her program description – she works as a case manager and supports many students. Many resources available and training also available.

8. Discussion/ Information Items

- Well Being: Definition reviewed with the committee – anything to add please review and bring back to the next meeting

9. Update from Superintendent K. Colver & Special Education Staff- Special Ed Program/ Services

- PD day January 30, 2104 – Educational Assistants provided with different workshops. Jennifer Barbeau and Kelly Colter provided PD for the long term occasional teachers – topics technology and learning disabilities
- 2014-2015 Budget –enrolment and organization is the focus at this time.
- Review of special education classrooms and supports needed for the 2014 – 2015 school year. Waiting for approval for Section 23 classes.
- Program team and Special Education team have been working together, supporting students in Grade 3 and 6 with a learning disability – review assessment with teacher and focus on recommendations.

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

- **R. Reid**- busy time year again, working on the budget and organization. Update on Accommodation Review for Aweres and Etienne Brule.
- Board improvement plan: The new Misson and vision statements.


11. Agenda items for Next meeting

- Director, the New Mission and Vision Statement
- Update Section 23

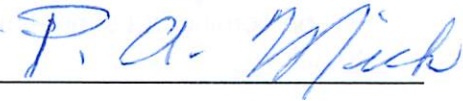
Next SEAC meeting date: April 8, 2014

12. Adjournment at 1:10

Motioned for approval by R. Reid and seconded by D. Morgan All in Favor – Carried



Kime Collver
Superintendent of Education



Pat Mick
Chair