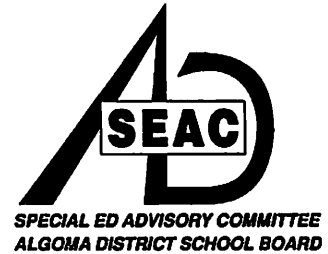


**ALGOMA DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**  
**SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE S.E.A.C.**



**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**Tuesday, June 17, 2014**

**D.T. Walkom Room**

**12:00 Noon**

**Present**

**Members:** P. Mick, C. Burgess, M. Levy

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

**Trustees:** B. McEachren, Jennifer Sarlo

**Guests:** Joe Santa Maria,

**Regrets:** V. Greco, L. Lambert, M. Horton, Amanda Gauthier, D. Morgan, R. Reid, L. Tombari, M. Yourchuk, P. Southwind H. Scott, J. Martin,

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

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

Agenda and minutes –were not approved as we did not have quorum

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

**3. Correspondence-**

- a. **Letter- Halton District School Board** regarding mandatory special education requirement for pre service teachers before completion of the teaching degree.
- b. **Letter- Halton District School Board-** regarding barriers facing families trying to access School Health Support Services. Concerned with the funding that has not increased in four years and wait time is long for families who have students with multi needs.

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

- Budget will be presented at the Board meeting June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014 for approval. Special education funding – will be a transition with the new funding model - 4 year period as the new funding is implemented. Continue with SIP and SEA funding. Our special education population continues to grow with pressure points in primary classes.

#### **5. Association Updates**

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

- Community Living Algoma has gotten wonderful feedback from parents in regards to the Transition planning for 14 and older.

##### **C. Burgess- Autism Ontario.**

- Annual general meeting will be held on Monday June 23, 2014
- Excited for more funding.
- For the fall monthly workshops for parents and professionals development is planned.

##### **Morgan Levy-Algoma Family Services & Learning Disability Association.**

- Algoma Family Services- Excited for Clara's Big Ride taking place in June.
- Learning Disability Association in the fall planning again to work with the Sault Greyhounds. Five cities have signed up for teams to play games against each other to bring more awareness for children with disabilities.

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

- K. Collver presented the draft Special Education Plan for final review and approval. The plan will be presented to the Trustees at the June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Board meeting for approval. Once approved it will be placed on the website and sent to the Ministry of Education.

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

- Update – Learning for All document will be rolled out in September 2014.
- K. Colter and C. Trudeau McEwen presented at the FASD workshop that was held at Sault College sponsored by North Shore Tribal Council and Indian Friendship Centre

- Apple presentation - ADSB had teachers and administrators work with from Apple – using their newest devices.
- IPRC, transition meetings, projected 63 JK students entering the system with special needs.
- H. Whitfield – special education assignment teacher and B. Haig – interpreter attended a 2 day workshop in Sudbury – students with Blind/low vision.
- Marilu Horton will retire at the end of June. She provided the Board many hours of dedication. She was a true advocate for our special needs students. She will be hard to replace and we wish her all the best in her new career.

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

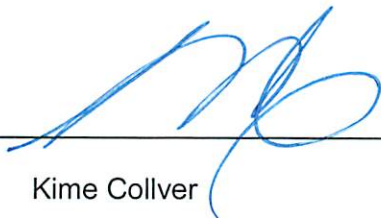
- Budget to be approved tonight.
- Special education- has been a concern for the trustee- we have been paying for full day Kindergarten the past few years and now it is being funded by the Ministry, Algoma District School Board is hoping this will help ease the cuts for next year special education.
- Etienne Brule Public School – accommodation review - Board meeting May 27, 2014, the school be closed – however will be looking at ways to utilize the facility.
- J. Sarlo- met recently with community partners and introduced Algoma District School Boards 'new mission statement. We see our students as our resources.

#### **9. Agenda items for Next meeting**

- Review Learning for All document
- Introduce Instructional Léads
- Discuss date change back to Monday

Next SEAC meeting date: September 22, 2014

#### **10. Adjournment at 1:00**



Kime Collver

Superintendent of Education



Pat Mick

Chair