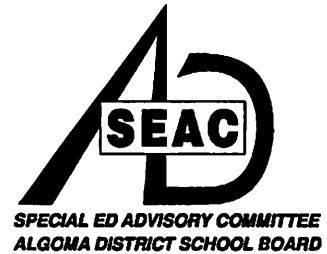


ALGOMA DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE S.E.A.C.



MINUTES OF MEETING
Monday November 17, 2014
D.T. Walkom Room
12:00 Noon

Present

Members: C. Burgess, P. Mick, D. Morgan, L. Graham, Heather Marshall, L. Lambert

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

Trustees: B. McEachren, R. Reid,

Regrets: P. Southwind, H. Scott, J. Martin, A. Gauthier, M. Levy, M. Yourchuk

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

1. Welcome (Approval of Agenda)

Agenda and minutes – B. McEachren and seconded by D. Morgan

Round Table Introduction of members, staff and guest

2. Correspondence - Letters

- a) **Renfrew County Catholic District School Board and Durham Catholic District School Board** - letters in support of special education qualifications for pre service teachers.
- b) **Grand Erie District School Board** - indicating the concern regarding the service gaps for families needing speech and language services.

5. Presentation - K. Colter - PMM 8

- Recent teleconference with the Ministry of Education to review the changes to PPM 8 – changes included: new definition, references to Learning for All and

Growing Success documents. This information has been shared with SERTs and our students will follow the new definition at the spring IPRC meeting.

6. Association Updates

D. Morgan - Canadian Mental Health - nothing to report

L. Graham - Association for Families with Communication Disorders - nothing to report

C. Burgess - Autism Ontario

- Is excited about the new web sites with over 100 different articles grouped by subjects that parents can access.
- Peers group is starting next week.

L. Lambert - Algoma Public Health

- Continuing with transition meetings for 2015 – 2016 school year. This is a challenging time for the little ones and not all schools are consistent in how they manage the students who have self regulation difficulties.

Pat Mick - Community Living Algoma

- Spoke about SEAC training and next month we need to designate a chair.

Heather Marshall - North East Community Care Access Centre (NECCAC)

- Introduction to new member - has been in the role for 10 years with NECCAC.
- Excited to be involved - really wants to support the children who have special needs.

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

- Family of Schools SERT meeting this month.
- FASD G7- Algoma District School Board sent 18 staff members. The work shop was amazing focusing on permanent brain damage. Images were shown of the brain and how it works.
- Reviewing Safety Support Plans for students. The focus is on the student's behavior, health support on their personal safety plan. Working on a check list for our teachers, SERTs and principals, provide them information.

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

- Last Board meeting PIC (Parent Involvement Committee) Chair - Michael Murray spoke about how the committee is strong but small.
- Michael Smith from the Food Network was at Superior Heights C&VS for a cook off. An amazing experience for students.
- Excited for the new web sites it looks different but more user friendly.
- Working on the upcoming school calendar for 2015-2016.
- Presently Wm. Merrifield is under accommodation review for closure.

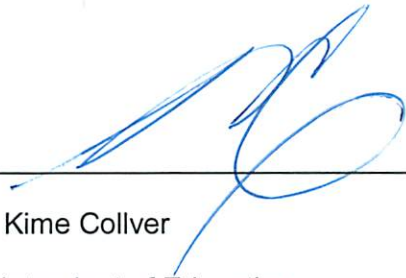
8. **Agenda items for Next meeting**

Next SEAC meeting date: January 12, 2014


- Pre mature babies - images brain development
- FASD - brain development
- New website
- Calendar

9. Adjournment at 1:05 pm.

B. McEachren and seconded by L. Lambert



Kime Collver
Superintendent of Education



Pat Mick
Chair