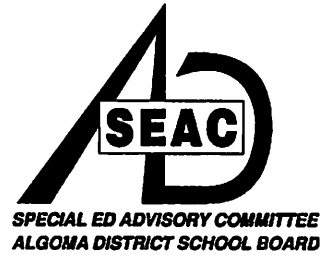


**ALGOMA DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE S.E.A.C.**



MINUTES OF MEETING
Monday January 12, 2015
D.T. Walkom Room
12:00 Noon

Present

Members: P. Mick, D. Morgan, L. Lambert, H. Scott

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

Trustees: J. Sarlo, R. Reid,

Regrets: P. Southwind, J. Martin, A. Gauthier, M. Levy, M. Yourchuk, C. Burgess, L. Graham, Heather Marshall

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

1. Welcome (Approval of Agenda)

Agenda and minutes – D. Morgan and seconded by H. Scott

Round Table Introduction of members, staff and guest

2. Correspondence - Letters

- a) **Conseil Scolaire Catholique du Nouvel-Ontario** - letters in support of special education qualifications for pre service teachers.
- b) K. Collver provided an interesting web site for SEAC members to check out. " I have something to say" initiative <http://www.provincialadvocate.on.ca/main/en/ihsts/>

5. Presentation –

- a) F. Walsh, Communication Officer for Algoma District School Board introduced the new web site. <http://www.adsb.on.ca/SitePages/main.aspx> The last update was in 2003. The website is more user friendly.

b) **Asima Vezina, Superintendent of Education**, presented the proposed school year calendar for **2015-2016**. Committee members are asked to provide their input through a survey monkey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FN7HTLL>

6. Association Updates

D. Morgan - Canadian Mental Health - nothing to report

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. Autism, challenging behavior, premature rate (8.2 % lots of babies saved under a pound) are impacting the transition to Kindergarten. We are discovering more learning and behavior concerns when they come to school. Last 2 years we have seen that some students cannot self-regulate or can't manage a full day. Transportation concerns include sitting on the bus, keeping hands/feet to themselves, or hitting the bus driver in the head.

P. Mick - Community Living Algoma

- Community Living Algoma's first meeting of 2015 was last week, Marilu Horton, Lucille Norman and Kelly Colter are part of the committee providing better relationships with Algoma District School Board and Community Living Algoma.

H. Scott - Bright Children Association

- ABC - dates for Feb 20 and Feb 21 Parent Conference fees are about \$225.00
- Conversation on group testing

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

- Family of Schools SERT meeting this month,
- PD day January 30th half day workshop for EAs - focusing on Restorative Approaches
- New website for school boards – EDUGains
- After school sessions
 - K. Colter and K. Lappage will be having reading groups.
 - Program team is working on math and literacy
 - Amy Lawson – will have after school sessions on Blind and Low Vision
 - For all after school studies teacher can sign up or do by adobe connected.

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

- Last Board meeting – introduced four new trustees
- First Board meeting is a Committee of Whole on January 13, 2015
- Selection of Trustees to committees will be completed in the next few weeks

8. **Agenda items for Next meeting**

- FASD - brain development

Next SEAC meeting date: February 23, 2015

9. Adjournment at 1:05 pm - J. Sarlo and seconded by L. Lambert



Kime Collver

Superintendent of Education



Pat Mick

Chair