



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

MINUTES OF MEETING

Monday May 25, 2015

D.T. Walkom Room

12:00 Noon

Present

Members: P. Mick, L. Lambert, H. Marshall, D. Morgan, M. Levy

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

Trustees: B. McEachren, Reid

Regrets: P. Southwind, M. Yourchuk, H. Scott, A. Gauthier, J. Martin, C. Burgess,
L. Graham

P. Mick called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

1. Welcome (Approval of Agenda)

Agenda- B.McEachern and seconded by L. Lambert

Minutes- L. Lambert and seconded by B. McEachren

Round Table Introduction of members, staff and guest

2. Correspondence Letters (3)

- **Letter- Ministry of Children and Youth Services-** focus on individuals affected by FASD.
- **Letter- Upper Grand District School Board, Lakehead District School Board and Thames Valley District School Board-** support needed for student with FASD,
- **Greater Essex County District School Board -** Ontario Regulation 274 concerns regarding how this affecting special education students.
- **Upper Grand District School Board –** pre service teachers to complete special education as part of the 2 year teacher education program.

3. Presentation: Joe Santa Maria, Superintended of Business- Budget-

- 2015-2016 budget – still working through as the Ministry just recently provided boards with overview of funding. Plan is to have balanced budget by 2017.
- Special education funding model has changed – over the next 3 years there will be a reduction in special education funding.
- ADSB is accessing SIP (special incident portion) and SEA (special equipment amount) funding. We are able to put in claims for our high needs students and secure money.

Presentation: C. Burgess and A. Pearson

- Unfortunately, neither were able to attend this month's SEAC meeting. K. Collver will send out the power point for members to review for next meeting.

Presentation SEAC Provincial Meeting Toronto- report from members attending – K. Colter, B. McEachren, P. Mick

- Received a letter acknowledging ADSB's commitment and celebrating 35 years. Workshops were provided with many interesting topics –
- What does your Board do for new members?
- how to get parents more involved
- Barry Findlay, from the Ministry who presented the funding model. The Peel Board spoke about SEAC and budgets.

Presentation K. Collver Special Education Plan

- K. Collver reviewed the changes for this year's Special Education plan. Final draft for review at the June meeting.

Presentation K. Collver Accessibility Plan

- Review of updated and revised Accessibility Plan. Will be presented to the Board of Trustees at the board meeting for approval.

4. Association Updates

P. Mick, Community Living Algoma – Final meeting, appreciation supper.

L. Lambert, Infant & Child Development Program – Algoma Public Health –more testing occurring. Concern from parents – children who are unable to manage at school and on the wait list for special education classes. Soo Sing was an amazing night. Two ADSB schools won prizes- CASS won \$5000 for their charity and F.H. Clergue won \$1500.

Dan Morgan, Canadian Mental Health-nothing to report

Heather Marshall, North East Community Care Access Centre (NECCAC) Speech and Language Pathologist is retiring but they are pleased that the position has been filled. Starting to prepare for September.

Morgan Levy, Algoma Family Services (AFS) & Learning Disability Association
Parent information sheet- will send out LDAO

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

- IEP review planned for May and June – review team will rate IEPs and share. Information from the review will be shared with principals and staff in September
- June 12th- FASD conference
- IPRC meetings wrapping up
- W. Nelles will be taking over for Rico Iacoe next year as the Safe School & Community Partner lead.

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

- Last board meeting- K. Collver presented the work from the First Nation, Metis, and Inuit Collaborative Inquiry. Well received at the regional session in Sudbury. Education week- mall and all schools are doing something.
- Instructional Rounds- B. O'Neil – shared the learning of the board team this year – worked with other school boards
- Summer learning program – great news to have this opportunity for students

6. Agenda items for Next meeting

- Budget
- Last review of Special Education Plan

Next SEAC meeting date: June 15, 2015

7. Adjournment at 1:30



Kime Collver

Superintendent of Education



Pat Mick

Chair