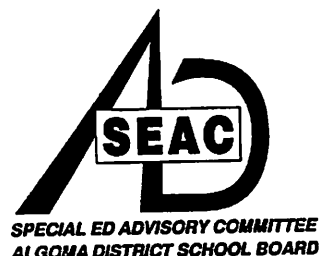


**ALGOMA DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**  
**SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE S.E.A.C.**



**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**Monday September 22, 2014**  
**D.T. Walkom Room**  
**12:00 Noon**

**Present**

**Members:** P. Mick, C. Burgess, L. Lambert, D. Morgan, L. Tombari, H. Scott, J. Martin

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

**Trustees:** B. McEachren, H. Jones,

**Guests:** D. Menard Calder, R. Iacoe, C. Watson, Krista Lappage, H. Whitfield

**Regrets:** V. Greco, Amanda Gauthier, R. Reid, M. Yourchuk, P. Southwind, M. Levy

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

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

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

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

**3. Correspondence-**

- a) **Letters from- Thames Valley District School Board, Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic School and Greater Essex County District School Board** - All three letters were written in support that the Ministry have special education as a mandatory course for pre-service teachers.
- b) **Letter: Lakehead District School Board-** letter of concern regarding speech and language services for school boards.
- c) K. Collver reminded members that next month is SEAC election and members need to complete a renewal form.

## **5. Association Updates**

**P. Mick– Community Living Algoma.** Reminder of Best for Kids - September 30, 2014

**L. Tombari, Ontario Association for Families with Communication Disorders**

-Nothing to add

**L. Lambert, Algoma Public Health-** very busy working with the school boards helping youngsters transition into classrooms. It was a very successful start, but still there are students who are entering in to the school system who are struggling and have never been introduced to the Algoma Public Health. Algoma Public Health is working with local physicians to try and identify the children at the 18 month visit.

**J. Martin- Spina Bifida & Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario** – nothing to add from her association, at the Public Library – the Nippissing screen has been introduced to parents. Baby group, toddler group have been asking questions, very challenging to tell parents a child might be different.

**C. Burgess- Autism Ontario** - nothing to report at this time. Looking at monthly workshops to be held with different topics such as sensory, behavioural, programming etc. November will begin with peer groups.

**H. Scott - Association for Bright Children** –Provincial conference will be held in February in Toronto. Also information for students “I have something to say” from the Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth.

**Heather Whitfield - LDAO-** Next month is Learning Disability awareness month. Trying to get a community event and have Angie De Marco present at Sault College. Additional funding for grants. Branching out from a satellite location.

**Dan Morgan- Canadian Mental Health-** letter to secondary principals, regarding presentation to students - mental health and illness, treatment etc.

**Marine- Northshore Tribal Council-** hosting a gathering at the Delta Hotel Oct 4-6, 2014. G-7 FASD- in Sudbury.

## **6. Discussion/ Information Items**

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

- Dona- Mental Health Lead has had a very busy summer with transition meetings and working with the hospital to put in a protocol into place. Mental Health Smart cards for school staff available on the portal. NECCAC to hire new mental health & addictions nurse- Sandy Irwin has accepted a different position.

- Restorative Practices - John Howards Society- guest speaker Steve Young working with our principals- two elementary and two secondary pilot programs.
- Krista Lappage was introduced as the new Special Education Assignment Teacher for the east and north area.
- PD day- educational assistants will be participating in 4 different workshops - CAS, FASD, CLA and well being

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

Last board meeting - update on summer learning program for students and summer learning for teachers and school administrators.

Elections in October for Trustees


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

➤ **Sec 23 over view and update**

➤ **Instructional LEADS**

Next SEAC meeting date: October 20th, 2014

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



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Kime Collver

Superintendent of Education



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Pat Mick *DAN MORGAN*

VICE-Chair