



Huron-Superior Catholic
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
S.E.A.C.
MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, December 15, 2020

Attendance: Joe Chilelli, Theresa Coccimiglio, Lorna Connolly Beattie,

Time: 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Irma DiRenzo, Lori Ivey, Tina Newell,
Rose Burton Spohn, Gary Trembinski, Jared Lambert,
Rosanne Zagordo

Student Trustees and Guests: Lucas Marano, Adam Morgenstern, Chris Spina, Justin Pino, Michelle Walsh, Anita Turcotte

Regrets: Sandra Turco, Sherri Kitts

AGENDA ITEMS		ACTION	WHO	WHEN
1.	PRAYER FOR SEAC Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Board prayer was said by all.	Rosanne Zagordo	
2.	ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (November 25, 2020)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Minutes were accepted.	Tina Newell Lory Ivey	
3.	AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES			
4.	GUEST(s): REPORTS <ul style="list-style-type: none">SMC Student Trustees	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Heaven cent is currently happening at SMC. ILS students are supporting and helping to develop events. Popcorn sales are occurring.	Lucas Marano Adam Morgenstern	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris Spina, Justin Pino • Michelle Walsh • Anita Turcotte 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All students are included in the talent show including students in the specialized classrooms. • Technology is utilized in all areas. Google classroom is a very good platform and easy to use. An Instagram account is being used. • Chris Spina thanked SEAC and is looking forward to his retirement. • Justin Pino introduced himself to SEAC and is looking forward to his new role as Superintendent of Business. • Michelle Walsh talked about her counselling role in the East schools. She is currently replacing the east counsellor who is on leave. • Anita Turcotte presented our Board 's Literacy Intervention Plan. This is a collaborative plan involving Anita Turcotte, Beth West , Speech/Language Team along with members from Curriculum and Special Education. • The plan supports a coordinated approach between Curriculum and Special Education. The tools that are required and the intervention that is needed that includes the data that has incurred. • Phonological awareness kits were provided along with training from Beth West. Screening information was used to determine support in grade one. Open Courts reading program was implemented in grade 1 in small groups. This helped to transfer students from the Language team support and moved them to LRT support. At the end of grade one another DRA was provided to see the progress. Students who still require support could be candidates for Empower. We have reading intervention support up until grade five. • We are planning on how to better support beyond grade five. 	<p>Chris Spina</p> <p>Justin Pino</p> <p>Michelle Walsh</p> <p>Anita Turcotte</p>	
5.	MINISTRY UPDATES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A few memos have been sent concerning funding that is provided to parents: Assessment and Evaluation of social emotional learning skills that are embedded in math and physical education. All Boards have put pause on this until more training can occur. 	Rose Burton Spohn	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In January, all teachers should be reviewing health and safety measures. More will follow from the superintendent of health and safety • Ministry math resources will be made available to families during the holidays. • We are mindful that Christmas will look different this year. Public Health Units have been sending information about travel during the Christmas holidays. 		
6.	SEAC BUSINESS			
7.	BUSINESS CARRIED FORWARD			
8.	SUPERINTENDENT AND COORDINATOR'S REPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCATs have been administered and sent back for scoring. More information about the students learning profile will be received. • We continue to monitor the Virtual Academy and students who require special needs services. • IEP inservice was provided at the last principals meeting where LRTs were able to attend. Schools continue to improve the development of IEPs. • Transition to school notifications are being received. • IEP engine transition date is tentatively set. ASPEN will now include our new IEP engine. This will take place later in the spring. • Language screens are in progress. • Jared commented on how referrals have been ramping up. Some staff are feeling overwhelmed and looking forward to the break. Staff is reminded that not all students are looking forward to a Christmas break. • In terms of the Well being committee, we are in the middle of a Gratitude Challenge. We are continuing to push this message out and share our messages of gratitude. • We are looking to fill the counselling spot of one of our counsellors who is on leave. 	<p>Joe Chilelli</p> <p>Rosanne Zagordo</p> <p>Jared Lambert</p>	
i	North Shore Tribal Council (S. Kitts)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report 		

ii	AUTISM ONTARIO SSM CHAPTER PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (I. DiRenzo)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annie MacDonald is replacing Vickie Kearn. • The support for learners funding was sent out and may be of interest to staff. • Facial Expressions article was sent out in the newsletter. 	Irma Direnzo	
iii	ALGOMA FAMILY SERVICES (T. Coccimiglio)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Queen and Church building has closed and the adult team has moved to the McNabb street. Renovations have been delayed at AFS. • Employees are working remotely, OTN and some face to face. • There will be a children's Christmas event with safe distancing protocols in place. • Dr. Ulzen will be back in January via OTN. • Genesis is moving to Rosedale in December. 		
v	ALGOMA PUBLIC HEALTH (L. Ivey)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual therapy • Dr. Korneluk will be here in JaN AND feB. 		
vi	THRIVE – WELL BEING COMMITTEE (T. Newell)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neurologist from Sick Kids here. 		
x	MEMBER-AT-LARGE – FOCUS ON FAITH (L. Connolly Beattie)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee is doing a lot of work for faith enrichment for staff. Lorna expressed her gratitude. 		
xi	TRUSTEES REPORT (G. Trembinski)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report. 		
9.			Meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.	

Minutes taken by: Rosanne Zagordo

Next Meeting: January 27, 2021

Place: Teleconference

Time: 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.