



Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

S.E.A.C

Minutes

Date: Wednesday, November 25, 2020

Place: Teleconference Meeting

**(See dial in instructions at
the end of this agenda)**

Time: 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Attendance: Rosanne Zagordo, Joe Chilelli, Theresa Coccimiglio, Jared Lambert
Tina Newell, Lorna Connolly Beattie, Irma DiRenzo, Lori Ivey, Marney Yourchuk, Sandra Turco

Student Trustees and Guests: Lucas Marano, Adam Morgenstern, Linda Legacy, Shauna DeFeyter

Regrets: Rose Burton Spohn, Gary Trembinski, Marty Young, Lynda Lewis, 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 (October 28, 2020)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Minutes from October 28, 2020 were accepted.	Tina Newell Marney Yourchuk	
3.	AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES			
4.	GUEST(s): REPORTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Through NSI funding, the board was able to provide counselling support in the north schools	Shauna DeFeyter	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Trustees- SMC • Linda Legacy-St. Paul Principal • Shauna DeFeyer: Intensive Treatment Services- NSI contract 	<p>and an Intensive Treatment Service (ITS) counsellor in the city that is shared with ADSB.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shauna Defeyer, referrals come directly from the school board to the Mental Health Leader. Families that are involved with ITS, will have an intake and can then access services from AFS as well. Students who would benefit often exhibit behaviour issues and challenges within the school, multi systemic, problems at home and in community. After a 2 week assessment, the ITS worker talks to the family, the youth, and the school teams, outside agencies so an understanding of the problem is outlined. There is always a school goal such as attendance, self regulation, school avoidance etc. • ITS works with the family for at least 3-6 months. • ITS coordinates everyone involved to make a treatment plan. She works with the school to make a treatment plan. • ITS is always available to the schools for in the moment support • Cognitive behaviour support is provided. • ITS has access to various professionals through OTN and works closely with other professionals. • MH nurses work their way back into the plan as ITS fades out. • ITS has an age mandate of 6-18 year old. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linda Legacy, principal from St. Paul spoke about the Student Support Program (SSP). • Summer Program was held in August and Linda was the co-principal. Students with special needs could attend their home school and be exposed to the new protocols surrounding Covid and be exposed to the entry plan to school in the Fall. • Teachers and support staff worked collaboratively to help students explore issues such as space, PPE's. and COVID protocols. • St. Paul has 350 students in the school and the SSP program. There are 82 students on IEPs, half of those identified with exceptionalities and ASD is prominent. 	<p>Linda Legacy</p>	
--	--	---	---------------------	--

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SSP program houses students from HSCDSB and up to 6 students with the support of a school counsellor, AFS support, an EA and a teacher. The program is short term placement for students that allows them time to gain new skills and then eventually return to their home schools. Families are engaged fully in the program to support their child. Ongoing communications is essential and regular team meetings are scheduled. • Reading interventions are still up and running, Empower and Open courts. • Early intervention is essential in schools and the focus at St. Paul. • SMC trustees reported Inclusion opportunities occurred through Spirit Week, Trivia week, popsockets and distribution of ring pops. Video was made on what it means to be a knight and a cheer video was held and all classes were included • Technology LMS and Google classroom is happening in all classrooms • TV in the front of the school used for information • ILS highlights, selling Cornucopia popcorn , virtual karate, selling subs, design spirit wear, dress down for heaven sent and morning breakfast program in the front lobby. Students in the ILS program are students taking orders to classrooms. • All students are involved as much as possible. 	Lucas Marano Adam Morgenstern	
5.	MINISTRY UPDATES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ministry has indicated that all school boards should be ready to pivot from a face to face model to a virtual platform within 24 hours. Google classroom and LMS accounts are updated and ready should we need to go into a full virtual mode. • There is no formal announcement to close schools down for an extended break as once announced by the Minister. 	Joe Chilelli	
6.	SEAC BUSINESS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update to the nomination committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lynda Lewis and Marty Young are both unable to continue with their membership to SEAC. 	Rosanne Zagordo Joe Chilelli	
7.	BUSINESS CARRIED FORWARD			

8.	<p>SUPERINTENDENT AND COORDINATOR'S REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Follow up to SIP claim discussion ● Virtual school update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● School boards have received notice from the Ministry of Education that they will not have to complete SIP claims for this year and the allotment that they got last year, will be the same for this year. ● November 16 was the first transition date for students wishing to move from face to face to virtual and vice versa. ● Students with special needs who are moving platforms are closely monitored by Rosanne and Joe to ensure that support is continued. ● Jared spoke about the work of the MH and Well Being committee. Each staff member was provided a bag of apples as a gesture of appreciation. ● Gratitude is the theme of next month's newsletter. We will be having a gratitude challenge to staff. More information will follow. 		
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"> ● Autism Ontario is making their quarterly magazine available. Webinars are also made available. 		
iii	ALGOMA FAMILY SERVICES (T. Coccimiglio)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Child psychologist has been made available, ● Theresa will be back at SMC soon to continue her work on 		
iv	SSM DOWN SYNDROME SOC. ()			
v	ALGOMA PUBLIC HEALTH (L. Ivey)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Transition to school notifications will be sent out. ● Clients are seen virtually and some face to face ● Dr. Korneluk was in town to do some assessments. ● Dr. Barriault and associates are also conducting assessments. ● New ICDP worker has been hired at APH. 		

vi	THRIVE – WELL BEING COMMITTEE (T. Newell)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • THRIVE is still supporting virtually. • This year, there will be a drive through Santa event for the clients at THRIVE. 		
viii	COMMUNITY LIVING ALGOMA (L. Lewis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report 		
x	MEMBER-AT-LARGE – FOCUS ON FAITH (L. Connolly Beattie)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report 		
xi	TRUSTEES REPORT (G. Trembinski)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board meeting Nov. 18, welcome our new Superintendent of Business- Justin Pino. Chris Spina is retiring in December • Stephanie Parniak presented from SMC. • Minutes from SEAC were reviewed. • Some resolutions were passed. • Patrick Pelletier said all telephones were now voice over IP. • Virtual trustee conference is in January. • Student trustees report was reviewed. 		
9.	NOTES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm. 	Lori Ivey Sandra Turco	

Teleconference Dial: 705-945-5633 Participant Code: 1702124#

BOARD PRAYER - Nurturing Hope

Gracious and generous God, creator of the earth, our common home,
 With each new day, we prepare the earth of our lives by sowing seeds of gratitude for all you have given.
 Inspire us to cultivate relationships with all living beings.
 May we harvest new fruit and marvel in the wonder at the beauty around us.
 Nurture us in hope.
 Amen.

Next Meeting: December 15, 2020

Time: 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.