



Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

S.E.A.C

Minutes

Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2020

Place: Teleconference
(See dial in instructions at the end of this agenda)
Time: 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Attendance: Rosanne Zagordo, Joe Chilelli, Theresa Coccimiglio, Gary Trembinski, Tina Newell, Lorna Connolly Beattie, Irma DiRenzo, Lori Ivey, Rose Burton Spohn, Sandra Turco, Paula Valois, Jared Lambert, Marnie Yourchuk

SMC Student Trustees and Guests: Anthony DeLorenzi, Lucas Marano, Diane Charron, Emily Adams

Regrets: Lynda Lewis, Sherri Kitts, Suzanne Pleau, Marty Young,

AGENDA ITEMS		ACTION	WHO	WHEN
1.	PRAYER FOR SEAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none">SEAC prayer	Tina Newell	
2.	ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (April 29, 2020)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Minutes were accepted.	Lori Ivey Paula Valois	
3.	AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES			
4.	GUEST(s): REPORTS <ul style="list-style-type: none">Student Trustees	<ul style="list-style-type: none">EAs are actively working with students through Google classrooms to support students.. LMS has been difficult for students with special needs,		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diane Charron and Emily Adams- THRIVE SLP. 	<p>therefore they have been participating in Google Meet and phone calls. Parents have played more of a role here.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One full time SLP has been contracted for the last 3 years. It has been a positive relationship with HSCDSB. Emily Adams is the primary SLP working with the team. Collaboration and consultation with school teams including LRTs is occurring to support language in the classroom. Emily develops the language goals for the students who are receiving support. Emily also completes speech/language assessments in our board. Recommendations both for class and home are provided. There is a full protocol in place to process any S/L request to support students. During COVID times, the team continues to work and meet regularly through the Online Resource portal. In future, the team is looking at providing virtual therapy for our East/North schools using a platform called OTN. Joe informed us that OTN will be free of charge until October 2020. 	<p>Diane Charron Emily Adams</p>	
5.	<p>MINISTRY UPDATES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Director updates from the Ministry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ministry of Ed. has announced that Learning at home will continue until the end of June. A letter was sent home to parents. Summer school will need to start in a virtual format. The Board continues to work on a plan to meet the needs of our learners and keeping in mind issues like equity. A memo on assessment and reporting was provided today and sent out to teachers and administration. This will help to guide us in the area for report cards. Information regarding September is forthcoming and Rose will let us know when that arrives. 	<p>Rose Burton Spohn</p>	
6.	<p>SEAC BUSINESS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nipissing Parry Sound CDSB letter (MACSE) SEAC recommendations Mental Health Audit Report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nipissing Parry Sound CDSB has expressed the importance of MACSE and that they continue to fill their vacancies to support learners with diverse needs. Irma reviewed the SEAC recommendations for this year. They are as follow: That the Board, in collaboration with the Mental Health Lead, continue to build upon its professional development in evidence approaches for 	<p>Rosanne Zagordo Irma Dizenzo</p>	

		<p>recognizing and responding to student and staff stress behaviours; particularly in recognizing and responding to the unparalleled strain that the COVID-19 pandemic has placed on all aspects of delivering educational and supported services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Recognizing the breadth of need with respect to student mental health issues; and that these needs persist beyond the school environment and the school year, we recommend that the Board actively engage with appropriate Provincial Partners for the purpose of comprehensively expanding School Counselling Services. That the Administration Team, together with the Ontario School Counsellors Association (OSCA), the Ontario Ministry of Education, the Ontario Teachers Federation, and other relevant regulatory bodies of the in-school support team—undertake to remedy the discontinuity of care with respect to mental health supports, transitions, career and life counseling services.● Recognizing that safe, respectful and equitable transportation service is integral to student success and wellbeing; and further recognizing new and urgently evolving pandemic protocols with respect to physical distancing, passenger capacity, sanitization, rider and driver safety; we recommend that Board Administration, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and transportation consortia, hire specially trained personnel to monitor and service all points of contact along routes.● Recognizing the immeasurable value of peer-to-peer, and student-to-adult supportive and trusting relationships, that the Board continue to prioritize training in programs such as SAFETALK, PEER Pals, Shanker Self-Reg or similarly designed programs used for increasing coherence, confidence, and collaboration in meeting student need.● SEAC echoes the recommendation put forth by People For Education 05/06/2020, that the HSCDS Board advocate for the “delay of the e-learning policy until the fall of 2021” or until such		
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		<p>time that the many challenges (i.e. accessibility inequities) of e-learning platforms brought to light during this pandemic can be thoroughly assessed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognizing that the learning environment is “the third teacher” –we recommend that the Board in collaboration with staff, seek to purchase equipment, materials, and resources specifically designed to enhance student engagement and promote fluidity in daily classroom activities. A Mental Health Audit Report will be reviewed at the next meeting. 	Jared Lambert	June
7.	BUSINESS CARRIED FORWARD			
8.	<p>SUPERINTENDENT AND COORDINATOR’S REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates Special Education Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joe has attended many teleconferences both with the Ministry and OCSOA. Summer learning was discussed and the board was asked to plan so that students can upgrade or expand their learning. There are 55 hour courses offered now. Both elementary and secondary will be running and students with special needs will also have opportunities to support students with special needs in these summer programs. There is a 2 week transition program to support students transition back to school just prior to September. The intent is that this is a face to face program and that it can take place in late August. Counselling services were put in place last year in the summer, so this year, the Ministry is going to be funding Mental Health services through the summer. Boards have the flexibility to move funds around. 	<p>Joe Chillelli Rosanne Zagordo</p>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boards can use extra funds from the Autism After school program in the summer. SEA repairs for equipment can be made at this time. The Special Education Plan for next year can be rolled over unless there are amendments. 		
9.	ASSOCIATION REPORTS			
i	North Shore Tribal Council (S. Kitts)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offices are still closed as employees are working from home. 		
ii	AUTISM ONTARIO SSM CHAPTER PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (I. DiRenzo)			
iii	ALGOMA FAMILY SERVICES (T. Coccimiglio)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Ulzen is coming to the Sault. In June for 2 days a week. Family pride is still going on. Once the state of emergency is lifted they will be working on a plan to re-enter their buildings. 		
iv	SSM DOWN SYNDROME SOC. (S. Pleau)			
v	ALGOMA PUBLIC HEALTH (L. Ivey)			
vi	THRIVE – WELL BEING COMMITTEE (T. Newell)			
vii	COMMUNITY LIVING ALGOMA (L. Lewis)			
iv	LEARNING DISABILITIES ASSOC.			
x	MEMBER-AT-LARGE (P. Valois)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> St. Joseph has been doing a great job at reaching out to parents and families. EAs are meeting daily with students to support students with special needs. 		
xi	MEMBER-AT-LARGE – FOCUS ON FAITH			

	(L. Connolly Beattie)			
xii	TRUSTEES REPORT (G. Trembinski, Sandra Turco)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations were held. • Policies were passed. • School accommodation review, barrier free upgrades were approved. • SMC trustee report was provided and SEAC minutes were approved. 		
10.	NOTES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEAC intentions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please email Theresa, the SEAC chair, to state your intentions about serving on SEAC for next year by June1, 2020. • Adjournment: 5:24 pm 	GaryTrembinski Lori Ivey	

Next Meeting: June 17, 2020

Place: Teleconference

Time: 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

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