



Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

S.E.A.C

Minutes

Date: Wednesday, September 30, 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, Gary Trembinski,
Tina Newell, Lorna Connolly Beattie, Irma DiRenzo, Sherri Kitts, Lori Ivey,
Rose Burton Spohn, Jared Lambert

Student Trustees and Guests: Lucas Marano, Adam Morgenstern

Regrets: Marty Young, Sandra Turco, Lynda Lewis

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 (June 17, 2020)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Minutes from June 17, 2020 were accepted.	Lori Ivey Gary Trembinski	
3.	AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES			

4.	GUEST(s): REPORTS Student Trustees:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> virtual programming has been challenging wearing masks has been accepted for the most part by the students. hand timetabling for students has been happening. staff admin and parents are working hard at ensuring student needs are being met. 		
5.	MINISTRY UPDATES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Since June 17, 2020, there has been a number of ministry announcements. Some which include the following: GSNs were announced, new math curriculum, COVID 19 recovery act, re-opening plan which includes virtual, conventional and adaptive delivery, child care centres opening, additional provincial and federal funding announcements, boards were able to use 2% of surplus budgets, recording attendance, conducting fire drills, PPE information, general health and safety. School reopening overall, has gone smoothly. 	Rose Burton Spohn	
6.	SEAC BUSINESS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MACSE template 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MACSE template was issued. We are looking for input on this template as the submission date is October 2, 2020. Members took time to brainstorm ideas under the categories listed on the template. MACSE template will be submitted with the input provided. Further input can be sent to Rosanne by Friday October 2, 2020. 	Rosanne Zagordo	
7.	BUSINESS CARRIED FORWARD			
8.	SUPERINTENDENT AND COORDINATOR'S REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responses to SEAC recommendations Special Education supports for re-entry DDSB letter Board Calendar Vacancy-Down Syndrome Society Mental Health Update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Response to the SEAC recommendations were reviewed. Mental Health services were continued through the summer as extra funding to support students through this time was maintained. Providing bus patrollers to support students who have difficulty self regulating while riding the bus is being considered by the board. The Board is open to looking at this and will speak to the Consortium as soon as they can about paid adult bus monitors. We are continuing to train for PD and COVID related PD. 	Joe Chilelli	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All LRT support has been maintained this year. Currently we have 175 EAs supporting students. We have increased. 1.0 ELP (0.5 OLOF and 0.5 OLOL) as well as an increase in 0.5 in Blind River. ● Supports are moving around the system to allow for support in the virtual school. All our testing is moving forward, along with behaviour/ASD, counselling and language support. ● We are looking at encouraging virtual visits/meetings for a bit longer in order to allow for schools to adjust. as part of the re-entry plan. ● There is a plan to have a transition point in the Fall that is aligned with the secondary quadmester. November 16 is the transition date if students are moving from the virtual school to face to face or vice versa. There will also be a January date and then a spring date to be determined shortly. ● Letter from the DDSB is advocating that the SIP application procedure be waived and the funding be based on the average of our past five years of SIP submissions. ● Two counsellors who were hired for summer work were able to continue counselling and maintaining support into the Fall. ● Resources were secured this summer to help support group therapy. ● PD was provided during the initial September PD days to support Mental Health during our return to school. ● The Counselling Centre is opening soon and is on site at MSJC. ● For the month of September a Mental Health helpline was offered 3 days a week plus a mobile counsellor that was of assistance to a school that may be experiencing a crisis. ● Virtual counselling is available both for northern schools, SSP and virtual school. 	<p>Rosanne Zagordo</p> <p>Jared Lambert</p>	
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i	North Shore Tribal Council (S. Kitts)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Everyone is working at coordinating their efforts since school started. Buses are up and running again. 		
ii	AUTISM ONTARIO SSM CHAPTER PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (I. DiRenzo)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self reg community of practice will reconvene. 		
iii	ALGOMA FAMILY SERVICES (T. Coccimiglio)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The winner was announced for their Dream Escape draw. Proceeds go to the AFS foundation. Dr. Ulzen is arriving Oct. 8/9, 2020 to support students/families. Services are running, OTN, virtual and face to face (with masks on) Theresa will be attending a DBT training session. Taming Sneaky Fears is running as well. 		
v	ALGOMA PUBLIC HEALTH (L. Ivey)			
vi	THRIVE – WELL BEING COMMITTEE (T. Newell)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> THRIVE is adjusting to the virtual world and have set priorities for services. They are working in collaboration with both school boards. Groups are running virtually, along with counselling both in person and neurology clinic (in person) Training has occurred over the summer for the counsellors. Triple P workshops are soon to be offered. 		
viii	COMMUNITY LIVING ALGOMA (L. Lewis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report 		
ix	MEMBER-AT-LARGE (Marty Young)	<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"> SEAC recommendations were presented to the Board of Trustees. 		
9.	NOTES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm. 	Gary Trembinski Sherri Kitts	

Next Meeting: October 28, 2020

Place: Teleconference

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