



Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

S.E.A.C

Minutes

Date: Wednesday, February 26, 2020

Place: Board Office Mtg. Room 2

Time: 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Attendance: Rosanne Zagordo, Joe Chilelli, Theresa Coccimiglio, Gary Trembinski, Marty Young
Tina Newell, Lorna Connolly Beattie, Irma DiRenzo, Lori Ivey
Rose Burton Spohn, Sandra Turco, Jared Lambert, Lynda Lewis

SMC Student Trustees and Guests: Anthony DeLorenzi, Lucas Marano, Laurie MacEachern (phone), Chris Spina

Regrets: Sherri Kitts, Suzanne Pleau, Paula Valois

AGENDA ITEMS		ACTION	WHO	WHEN
1.	PRAYER FOR SEAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none">SEAC prayer was said by all.		
2.	ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (January 29, 2020)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Minutes were approved.	Gary Trembinski Tina Newell	
3.	AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Laurie MacEachern, principal of Holy Name of Jesus, presented a slide show highlighting the school. There are 31 students and 10 staff members. There are 8 Students on an IEP and 1 student with a Behaviour Plan. Events such as		

		robotics, after school sports, Terry Fox Fun, holiday family lunches, outdoor program, arts program, monthly mass, reading, zombie event, reading club, hockey, legos club etc are some of the events offered to all students.		
4.	<p>GUEST(s): REPORTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Trustees • Laurie MacEachern- Principal Holy Name of Jesus • Chris Spina- Superintendent of Business 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During exam time, there was hot chocolate and prayer cards offered by the ILS class. The ILS class had a prayer service. Every Thursday the ILS class and the religion class prepare a meal together. that proves to be a learning experience for all involved. • Chris shared the Special Education Expenditure Report to SEAC. The revised budget happens in November based on actual enrollment as of October 31, 2019 and actual staffing. Since our revised estimates we have added EA positions from grants allocated which means we now have 174 EAs. Our board overspends in Special Education annually. If there are any questions, please send them to Rosanne. 		
5.	MINISTRY UPDATES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are no ministry updates at this time. 		
6.	<p>SEAC BUSINESS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEAC Recommendations Committee • Association Report Review 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tina, Lorna, Theresa and Irma are interested in sitting on the SEAC Recommendation sub-committee. The first meeting will be held on Wednesday March 11 @ 1:30- 3:30 pm • We will no longer be continuing with the practice of submitting the Association Reports prior to the meeting, rather, we will have a verbal report at the end of each meeting. 	Theresa Coccimiglio Theresa Coccimiglio	
7.	<p>BUSINESS CARRIED FORWARD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Report • Durham MACSE letter • Windsor Essex CDSB • Transition to School meetings • After School Autism Program • IEP Audit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris Spina shared the Financial Report • The letter from Durham DSB and Windsor Essex have each expressed concerns around the limited communication from MACSE and class sizes along with the concern for mandatory e-learning courses. • Transition meetings have occurred in January. Currently we have 17 students with special needs transitioning in September 2020. • After school Program is running at MSJC in room 209. We have 4 days running this year Monday, through Thursday from 4:00-5:00 pm. The program has a Program Facilitator and Program 	Chris Spina Rosanne Zagordo Joe Chilelli	

		<p>Support Workers. The program helps to have students generalize their skills into the classroom.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have prepared an IEP checklist for principals to use when reviewing IEPs. The plan is to make the IEPs more consistent across the board. We are randomly selecting IEPs from each school to review and then provide the school with feedback about them. 		
8.	<p>SUPERINTENDENT AND COORDINATOR'S REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Counsellor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have added a new counsellor to the team which is increasing our capacity. We are able to creatively adjust the counsellors schedule to include remote counselling to our district schools and presentations of the Mental Health Modules. The posting was recently revised to include registered psychotherapists. Sara Lepore is a registered Social Worker and has been newly hired as our 6th Student and Family Counsellor 	Jared Lambert	
9.	ASSOCIATION REPORTS			
i	North Shore Tribal Council (S.Kitts)			
ii	AUTISM ONTARIO SSM CHAPTER PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (I. DiRenzo)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is no longer a president of the local chapter of Autism Ontario. Vicki Kearn, service navigator will be in contact with the board to discuss any updates. 	Irma Dizenzo	
iii	ALGOMA FAMILY SERVICES (T. Coccimiglio)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Ulzen has come into town again to visit clients up to age 21. Rosanne will send out a flyer about Child's mental health week in May. There is Ontario Tele Mental Health now offered at AFS. The referral is 5 pages and can be located at AFS 705-945-5050 ext. 2323. The referring source will now be the case manager. Email address is: telementalhealthafs@algomafamilyservices.org 	Theresa Coccimiglio	
iv	SSM DOWN SYNDROME SOC. (S. Pleau)			
v	ALGOMA PUBLIC HEALTH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The coronavirus is being assessed and no cases in 	Lori Ivey	

	(L. Ivey)	<p>Sault Ste. Marie.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Korneluk is coming back to do 10 assessments in March. • Due to demand for the first wave of Hanen More than Words/Talkability programs that were offered in winter 2020, additional programs are being planned for the spring and fall 2020. This second iteration of letters are being sent to families on the OAP wait list who have received an invitation for a childhood budget, who do not have an active behavior plan and whose children are 7 and under. • New Parent Child Advisor position for ICDP has been posted. 		
vi	THRIVE – WELL BEING COMMITTEE (T. Newell)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PEERS group is running right now and being facilitated with CLA. • Roll out of the School Health Program is underway as of January 1, 2020. Data was still being transferred over during the month of January but children have started to be assigned. A Guidebook is being made for parents and educators to help better understand the program and delivery of service. One of the biggest changes is that the school needs to get the parents to sign a consent form in order to make the referral. OT/PT/SIP services are being delivered through a tiered model system. • They are still in the process of interviewing for a new CEO. 	Tina Newell	
vii	COMMUNITY LIVING ALGOMA (L. Lewis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shelley Moore’s schedule has not been finalized yet with CLA. • CLA continues to support community members with promoting independence and living with families rather than in group homes. 	Lynda Lewis	
x	MEMBER-AT-LARGE (P. Valois)			
xi	MEMBER-AT-LARGE – FOCUS ON FAITH (L. Connolly Beattie)			
xii	TRUSTEES REPORT (G. Trembinski)			

10.	NOTES	Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm	Lori Ivey Irma	

Next Meeting: March 25, 2020 (Moved to April 1, 2020 due to COVID-19 board shutdown)

Place: Teleconference

Time: 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.