



Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

S.E.A.C

Agenda

Date: Wednesday, October 28, 2020

Place: Teleconference Meeting

Time: 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Attendance: Joe Chilelli, Theresa Coccimiglio, Sherri Kitts, Jared Lambert, Tina Newell, Gary Trembinski, Rose Burton Spohn, Sandra Turco, Rosanne Zagordo

Student Trustees and Guests: Lucas Marano, Adam Morgenstern, Andrea Greco, Kristen Coulter, Anita Turcotte

Regrets: Lori Ivey, Irma Drenzo, Lynda Lewis, Marty Young, Lorna Connolly Beattie

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 (September 30, 2020)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes from September 30, 2020 were accepted. 	Tina Newell Sherri Kitts	
3.	AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES			
4.	GUEST(s): REPORTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student Trustees Anita Turcotte- Teacher Diagnostician 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technology has been used by classes of all levels and includes LMS and Google classroom. Decreased level of inclusion at SMC due to restrictions from COVID. EA support has been in place in mainstream classes 	Lucas Marano Adam Mogenstern	

- Kristen Coulter/Andrea Greco - Principal/V-principal- OLOL Virtual Academy

- ILS highlights include outdoor karate, cooking, arts, virtual tours, novel studies, Students are able to integrate into areas of strengths as needed.
- The enrichment program that will begin April 2021 was presented. Once the results of the CCAT 7 are in, this program will look at a group of students who meet the criteria of a 'gifted learner'. The rationale behind this is that the learning content is more relevant to their interest and abilities. Students who meet the criteria for the enrichment program will be exposed to students who are like minded in academics. All grade 4 students will receive the universal screen called CCAT. This information will be useful as it provides a standardized testing measure.
- This data helps to determine a students strengths and needs and to inform about programming and additional information to teachers and parents.
- This is a new testing measure for our board and it will allow for students such as these to get formally tested for a possible identification of 'giftedness' once the results of the CCAT 7 are in.
- This program will be occurring at the end of the school day and taught by a certified teacher in the late spring.
- A committee helped to put this together with a STEAM focus, leadership development, global competencies and high profile contest- Math Contest, Rotary etc.
- In the Virtual Academy there are 492 students, 134 IEPs. 102 NSL students, 126 French Immersion students, 33 Staff and 12 support staff
- Students are in a Google classroom that looks very similar to a regular school day in format.
- Supply teachers are added to a virtual google classroom
- Parents have indicated their preference for learning- whether face to face or virtual learning. Our next transition date is October 30, whereby the start placement is on Nov. 16.
- Students have participated in virtual field trips.
- Computers and hubs were provided to support students with the online learning platform.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1.5 LRTs are allotted. • The school counsellor has started. • Grade 7 and 8 counsellor from AFS has started. • Assistive Technology teacher, Chrissy Dewar has been instrumental in helping students and families with Google and any issues that arise. • Kristen and Andrea have been in touch with our first nation leads • Rosanne Zagordohas helped to support students with special needs and educational assistant support for school allotment and placement. • Lunch time band and choir has started virtually. • Synchronous exemptions have been offered. This will help students and families with online learning. • It has been a huge commitment and effort on all fronts to make online learning a success. • Many thanks to Joe Chilelli for his ongoing support. 		
5.	MINISTRY UPDATES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A number of memos have been provided; Assessment Memo which talks about exams at the secondary level. • Exams may be canceled at the secondary level but culminating activities will be assigned. The 40 hours of community service has been decreased to 20 hours. Grade 9 math test is still under discussion. Grade 3 and 6 EQAO is cancelled. OSSLT will continue in the spring. The grade 9 assessment won't be applicable to anyone learning online. • The other memo is: Oct. 16, Regulation 274 referring to hiring practice of Boards. This has been a controversial issue. 	Rose Burton Spohn	
6.	SEAC BUSINESS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EQAO 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EQAO has not occurred last school year, therefore, there is nothing to report on. 		
7.	BUSINESS CARRIED FORWARD			
8.	SUPERINTENDENT AND COORDINATOR'S REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental Health Update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counselling allocation into the virtual school has moved forward. The school counsellor in the virtual school has presented the Mental Health modules to the grade 7 and 8 classes. • Accommodations in a virtual school look different from a physical school, this will be reflected in the 	Joe Chilelli Rosanne Zaogordo Jared Lambert	

		<p>IEP.. Any SEA equipment that was ordered can move to a student's home in the virtual school, ex. stander, specialized desk.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Empower data collection has started. • Joe Chilelli is travelling North to visit schools and will be accompanied by the MH leader and Behaviour Coach. • We are ready should we need to provide more computers as a large order was placed in the late spring. 		
i	North Shore Tribal Council (S. Kitts)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JK/SK Foresty Classroom has started. There are 16 JK/SK enrolled, it is land based. 		
ii	AUTISM ONTARIO SSM CHAPTER PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (I. DiRenzo)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A 		
iii	ALGOMA FAMILY SERVICES (T. Coccimiglio)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Ulzen, a child psychologist, was in town and will provide another session next month. Groups are running- Taming Sneaky Fears. A youth hub is going to be located in the Steelton library and working partners with Ontario Works. It is a shared building with Pauline place. It will provide information and counselling. 		
v	ALGOMA PUBLIC HEALTH (L. Ivey)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A 		
vi	THRIVE – WELL BEING COMMITTEE (T. Newell)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neurology clinics will be held virtually. Groups and services in conjunction with the Northern collaborative including Autism. Staff will be starting to see some Priority 1 students in the Catholic schools. 		
vii i	COMMUNITY LIVING ALGOMA (L. Lewis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A 		
x	MEMBER-AT-LARGE – FOCUS ON FAITH (L. Connolly Beattie)			
xi	TRUSTEES REPORT (G. Trembinski)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An extensive presentation was held at the Board Meeting for the elementary and secondary Virtual Academy. 		

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SMC report was acknowledged. • Gerald Berkin was recognized. • Retirees and 25 year members were recognized in a virtual ceremony. 		
9.	NOTES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting was adjourned at 5:26 pm 	Gary Trembinski Sherri Kits	

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.

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Next Meeting : November 25, 2020

Time: 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.