



**SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
S.E.A.C.
Minutes**

Date: Wednesday March 30, 2022

Location:
Time: 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Google Meet Link: meet.google.com/nmy-cnwk-iyz

Attendance: Theresa Coccimiglio, Tina Coombs, Chelsy Hannah, Sherri Kitts, Jared Lambert, Fiil Lettieri, Jacques Ribout, Gary Trembinski, Sandra Turco, Rosanne Zagordo

Student Trustees and Guests: Adam Morgenstern, Ellie McGoldrick

Regrets: Jenna Viotto, Irma Drenzo, Danny Viotto

AGENDA ITEMS		ACTION	WHO	WHEN
1.	WELCOME and PRAYER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lori Ivey- representative from Algoma Public Health has stepped down. A thank you card and small token of our appreciation was sent to her. Welcome Member at Large Chelsy Jane Hannah 	Rosanne Zagordo Fiil Lettieri Theresa Coccimiglio	
2.	ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (February 23, 2022)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes from February 23, 2022, were accepted. 	Tina Coombs Sherri Kitts	
3.	AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES			
4.	GUEST(s): REPORTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SMC student trustees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inclusion is happening with multiple dress down days, where proceeds go to Share Lent. 	Adam Morgenstern	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> THRIVE -Coordinated Service Planning 	<p>Learners with special needs are helping with breakfast clubs and around the school, collecting money.</p> <p>LMS is offered to all students and helpful in the event they are absent from school.</p> <p>Highlights to ILS- ITP and IPRC meetings are happening in April. Many students are applying for summer employment programs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ellie McGoldrick displayed a powerpoint to SEAC to outline Coordinated Service planning-CSP CSP is family centered, strength based, provincial initiative to help families with children with special needs. It is a shared initiative of the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health and Long Term Care. The principles of CSP are child, youth and family centered service, seamless service and information sharing and meeting diverse needs. Currently there is one CSP at THRIVE with the possibility of another position being added. 	<p>Ellie McGoldrick Tina Coombs</p>	
5.	MINISTRY UPDATES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ministry of Education recently released its 2022-23 Grants for Student Needs Funding (GSN) GSN funding is projected to be \$26.1 billion, which is an increase of 2.7%, while the average provincial per-pupil funding is projected to be \$13,059, an increase of \$339. The funding included target investments for a range of initiatives such staffing related student learning needs supporting de-streaming and learning renewal, enhanced supports for mental health and special education and implementing recently negotiated terms and conditions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Special Education Priorities is being provided through the Differentiated Special Ed Needs Amount (DSENA), which is built into the GSN, to address local priorities 	<p>Fil Lettieri</p>	

		<p>replacement, in place for the duration of the school year. Schools in the East are now receiving counselling services twice a week. This arrangement has enabled us to further support student well being and reduce any impact in services with a change in counselors this late into the school year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Krystina Drager, a Behaviour Coach, has returned to work from her Maternity Leave. We were able to retain her replacement for the remainder of the school year, allowing us to benefit from an additional coach in our schools. The coaches provide job embedded professional learning, which builds capacity in our staff.• March 28, 2022, we welcomed back Desire Mackenzie, our System Autism Spectrum Disorder and Behaviour Advisor.• Projected Needs for 2022-2023: Rosanne and I are in the process of scheduling meetings with school principals and Learning Resource Teachers to review our projected needs in order to plan for EA support and school based programming, such as the Enhanced Learning Program. For example, I will be visiting Elliot Lake on Friday.• The Ontario Human Rights Commission (OHRC) released its <i>Right to Read inquiry report</i> on human rights issues affecting students with reading disabilities, calling for critical changes to Ontario's approach to early reading, in areas such as curriculum and instruction, screening, reading interventions, accommodations and professional assessments.		
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i	North Shore Tribal Council (S. Kitts)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sherri has been busy replacing van drivers who are ill. 	Sherri Kitts	
ii	AUTISM ONTARIO SSM CHAPTER PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (I. DiRenzo)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report at this time. 	Irma Drenzo	
iii	ALGOMA FAMILY SERVICES (T. Coccimiglio)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connection and support groups are running monthly. • Northern Outlet is running- such as a wellness walk and movie night. There is no cost. • Children's mental health week April 29-May 9, 2022 • May 3 FASD presentation • The agency is up and running and all services are moving forward. 	Theresa Coccimiglio	
vi	THRIVE – WELL BEING COMMITTEE (T. Coombs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 1, 2022, services will be going live, that were formerly APH- ICDP and PSLS • Intake coordinator positions are posted. • Entry to school program -OAP initiative, 12 students are in the program and housed at SMFI and started this week. 	Tina Coombs	
viii	COMMUNITY LIVING ALGOMA (J. Ribout)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLA had a contest -Together we are Better and the 2 awards are going to OLOF and OLOL schools in Elliot Lake. There is a virtual assembly this week to announce the winners. 	Jacques Ribout	
ix	MEMBER-AT-LARGE (C. Hannah)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chelsy attended a workshop that discussed an App that people with disabilities can use to help find a job with approved employers.. • The app is called Alibi and is free for job seekers to register: https://jobsability.ca/ 	Chelsy Hannah	
x	MEMBER-AT-LARGE – FOCUS ON FAITH (I. Drenzo)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report at this time. 	Irma Drenzo	
xi	TRUSTEES REPORT (G. Trembinski, S. Turco)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation from MLL program from Holy Angels and new learners. • We have a new First Nations Trustee: Ogimaa Brent Bissaillion • SEAC minutes were approved • Motions were passed for renovations at St. Augustine and St. Basil in White River • Sault Ste. Marie, will be handling their portion of the elections. 	Gary Trembinski Sandra Turco	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We welcomed Chelsy Hannah as a Member at Large to the Board • Some trustees will be attending the OCSTA conference in Ottawa. • Adam Morgenstern will be attending the OSTA meeting. 		
9.	Adjournment: Minutes by: Rosanne Zagordo	Meeting was adjourned at 5:52 pm	Gary Trembinski Jacques Ribout	

Next Meeting: April 27, 2022

Location: Google Meet

Time: 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.