

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

Minutes

Date: Wednesday, March 29, 2023

Location: Board Room or Google Meet

Time: 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Attendance: John Caputo, Kasia Ceglarz, Theresa Coccimiglio, Irma DiRenzo, Sherri Kitts, Jared Lambert,

Fil Lettieri, Jacques Ribout, Tiana Rushon, Melanie Ross, Gary Trembinski, Rosanne Zagordo

Student Trustees and Guests: Owen Middleton, Christine Durocher

Regrets: Jenna Viotto

AGENDA ITEMS		ACTION	WHO	WHEN
1.	Welcome , Land Acknowledgment and Prayer for SEAC	SEAC Prayer	Fil Lettieri	
2.	ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (February 22, 2023)	SEAC minutes February 22, 2023	Irma DiRenzo Sherri Kitts	
3.	AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES			

4.	SMC student trustees Suspension and Violence Incidence Data Review	 Inclusion at SMC- Sweet 16 extravaganza tournament. Students were able to participate in various activities SMC radio- allows students to vote for their favourite performer Teachers are available for extra help along with designated tutors. Chromebooks are being used, however, there have been charging difficulties. ILS students participated in the Bocce tournament and Bowling tournament. Christine Durocher presented to SEAC about Student Suspensions and Violent Incident reporting. 	Owen MIddleton Christine Durocher
5.	MINISTRY UPDATES • MACSE • OCSTA Memo	Ministry Updates	Fil Lettieri
6.	SEAC BUSINESS Letter from Near North DSB Catholic School Council Presentation Review of Special Education Plan p. 5-14.	 The letter from NNDSB states that SIP funding needs to be reviewed in order to provide more equitable funding across boards. Sections of the Special Education Plan were reviewed Page 6 -list the specialized classrooms- such as ACE and ILS Make language more inclusive by indicating parent/guardian. 	Fil Lettieri Rosanne Zagordo
7.	BUSINESS CARRIED FORWARD • Meeting times • Student Census	 The meeting times will remain the same for next year as a change in time would not work for all members. Student census will go out tomorrow. 	Theresa Coccimiglio Fil Lettieri
8.	SUPERINTENDENT, COORDINATOR and MENTAL HEALTH LEAD REPORTS • Wellness Coach • Preventure	 Our newly hired student and family counsellor will be on leave on April 7, 2023. Lorraine Belanger, Wellness Coach, will work to support the North schools in her absence. Karissa Campbell has returned from her leave and resumed her role as Student and Family Counsellor at Holy Cross. Sara Lepore, Student and Family Counsellor, has now started her leave from Holy Cross. 	Fil Lettieri Rosanne Zagordo Jared Lambert

		 Preventure is a drug prevention program and pilot project that targets young students with delaying the onset of drug use. IEP Audit committee continues to meet with various staff members on the board. There is good representation comprising this committee. ILS 3 students attended school during exam week. Generally ILS 3 students do not attend school during exams as they are medically fragile and do not write exams. Therefore, they are permitted to go to school during exam week. 	
a.	North Shore Tribal Council (S. Kitts)	 They are attending case conference meetings at schools. Their Manager of Education has resigned. Sherri is hopeful a new Director will be hired soon. 	Sherri Kitts
b.	AUTISM ONTARIO SSM CHAPTER PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (I. DiRenzo)	 Hyperlinks were sent out for Autism Ontario: <u>Autism Ontario</u> PAAC resource guide was also sent out to members. 	Irma DiRenzo
C.	ALGOMA FAMILY SERVICES (T. Coccimiglio)	 IRIS is a new support group running at AFS and . Kelly is doing the intakes for a new group. Call AFS to register. 	Theresa Coccimiglio
d.	THRIVE – WELL BEING COMMITTEE (K. Ceglarz)	No updates at this time.	Kasia Ceglarz
e.	COMMUNITY LIVING ALGOMA (J. Ribout)	 Together We Are Better Contest- There were 12 applications from one school in Elliot Lake. Sergio lacoe is working with the school boards about future sessions for Shelley Moore. Epilepsy awareness week. OLOL-Elliot Lake is getting some updates in renovations. The entrance needs to be accessible. 	Jacques Ribout
f.	Easter Seals (T. Rushon)	No updates at this time.	Tlana Rushon
g.	MEMBER-AT-LARGE (M. Ross)	 CICE open house starts Saturday April 1 at Sault College in the morning. 	Melanie Ross

h,	MEMBER-AT-LARGE – FOCUS ON FAITH (I. Direnzo)	No report at this time.	Irma DiRenzo
i,	TRUSTEES REPORT (J. Caputo, G. Trembinski))	 An agreements has been reached with CUPE John would like to send his thanks and appreciation to Christine and Administration for their support during Ministry of Labour visits. Trustees will be touring the city schools starting in April. Trustees will be touring the East/North schools in the Fall. Gary thanked SEAC for all their work. He is thankful that they will be touring schools to gain an understanding of their individual profiles. 	John Caputo Gary Trembinski
9.	NOTES	Meeting Adjourned: 6:15 pm	Gary Trembinski Sherri Kitts

Next Meeting: April 26, 2023

Location: Our Lady of Lourdes

319 Prentice Avenue

Time: 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.