



Minutes



The Minutes of the Special Education Committee Meeting held on October 18, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Catholic Education Centre.

PRESENT

Members Arlene Godby, Helen McCarthy, Maria Castiglione, Laura Quibble, Anita Arnold, Kelly McNeely, Kelly Smigielski

Absent (by motion) Shawna Belcourt, Clare Paterson, Ruth Ciraulo, Melissa Gillespie

Administration Anne Marie Duncan, Diane Mather

Recorder: Susan Mariutti

A. Call to Order:

1. Kelly called the meeting to order and asked Diane to lead the group in prayer.

We acknowledge that we are meeting on the traditional territory of the Mississauga Anishinaabe.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Moved by Maria, seconded by Laura, that the agenda be approved as presented.

Carried

3. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

None noted

4. Excusal from Attendance

Motion: Moved by Helen, seconded by Maria, that Shawna Belcourt, Clare Paterson, Ruth Ciraulo, Melissa Gillespie, be excused from attendance at the October 18, 2018 Special Education Advisory Committee meeting.

Carried

5. Approval of the Minutes of the September 27, 2018 meeting.

Motion: Moved Arlene, seconded by Laura that the Minutes be approved as presented.

Carried

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

None noted

B. Recommended Actions/Presentations:

1. Remarks: Chairperson
 - Welcome everyone.
 - Members are reminded their re-nomination letters are due to the Director of Education before the end of the month.

2. Remarks: Superintendent of Learning/Special Education (*Anne Marie Duncan, Superintendent of Learning/Special Education*)
 - New provincial government continues to review board finances line by line
 - We have not received confirmation of our EPO (grants) for the 2018-2019 school year; this includes the Mental Health and Well Being Grant. Anne Marie will keep SEAC updated

3. Family of Schools Social Work Statistics and stories (*Psychologist, Dr. Cynthia Chan Reynolds, and Social Workers, Aimee Yetman, Grace Wildeboer, Kelly Wills, Natasha Gordon, Jonathan Winslow, Lia Jenner, Sandra Shearer & Jane Marner*)
 - Social workers explained their roles, highlighted the schools they support and discussed their statistics for the 2017-2018 school year.
 - Copy of 2017-2018 Social Work statistics attached.

4. EQAO Results (*Anne Marie Duncan, Superintendent of Learning/Special Education*)
 - Anne Marie presented and discussed EQAO results from 2013 to 2018. (copy of graphs attached)

5. Discussion: “Accessible Education for Students with Disabilities” document
 - Copy of document can be found at:
http://www.ohrc.on.ca/sites/default/files/Policy%20on%20accessible%20education%20for%20students%20with%20disabilities_FINAL_EN.pdf
 - This document will become our compass going forward
 - Anne Marie highlighted sections and discussed next steps for PVNC. (such as: ADHD and mental health need to be considered a disability and need to be treated as such)
 - Schools boards will need to implement strategies as they wait for the student’s diagnosis.
 - Boards are being cautioned on how they stream students at secondary; all pathways are valuable and need to be considered.
 - Recommendation to collect suspension/expulsion data for students on IEP
 - Board personnel will need to be trained on Human Rights
 - Strategies and recommendations outlined in the document.
 - Committee will review the “Accessible Education for Students with Disabilities” document in detail. Members are asked to review sections 4, 5, 6, 7, for the November meeting. Section # 8 will be reviewed at the January meeting.
 - Anne Marie referenced safe school document “Caring & Safe Schools in Ontario”
http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/general/elemsec/speced/Caring_Safe_School.pdf

6. Reports from SEAC members
Included on Agenda

C. Information Items
Attached to agenda

D. Old Business

1. Issue – Member from Down Syndrome Association of Peterborough raised the issue of the lack of supply EA. Anne Marie responded that we continue to look for qualified EAs for the supply list.

E. New Business

F. Next Meeting

1. Thursday, November 15, 2018
Boardroom, Catholic Education Centre
6:30 – 9:00 p.m.
2. Agenda Items: Individual Education Plan (IEP)
3. Selection of Member for Opening/Closing Prayer: Arlene

Future Meetings & Presentation Topic:

Thursday, November 15, 2018	Individual Education Plans (IEPs)
Thursday, January 17, 2019	Mental Health & Well Being
Thursday, February 21, 2019	Attendance Statistics
Thursday, March 21, 2019	Applied Behaviour Analyst
Thursday, April 25, 2019	Special Education Support Staff
Thursday, May 30, 2019	Speech Language Pathology
Thursday, June 20, 2019	Psychology

G. Conclusion:

1. Closing Prayer: Diane closed the meeting with prayer.
2. Adjournment
Motion: Moved by Arlene, seconded by Laura, that the meeting be adjourned.

Carried