

Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

11:45 p.m.

Northeastern Catholic District School Board

MINUTES

PRESENT: Debbie Chornobey, YMCA
Sabrina Belanger, Cochrane Temiskaming Resource Centre
Ryley Reis, Canadian Mental Health Association
Kristine Arthur, Kuuwanimano Child and Family Services
Colleen Landers, NCDSB Trustee
Stan Skalecki, NCDSB Trustee
Daphne Brumwell, Superintendent of Education
Amber Smith-Come, School Principal St. Anne School
Julia Spadetto-Forward, School Principal St. Jerome School
Catherine Hoven, Special Assignment Teacher
Kim McEntee, Mental Health Supervisor
Katie Mundle, Special Assignment Teacher
Jean Ethier, Education Services Officer / Recorder

EXCUSED: Billie Richer, VOICE for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children
Ellen Renaud, North Eastern Ontario Family and Children's Services
Lisa Lamarche, Behavior & Autism Worker

1. Welcome, Prayer and Territorial Acknowledgment

Colleen welcomed everyone and led the group in prayer and territorial acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED BY: Stan Skalecki

BY: Sabrina Belanger SECONDED

THAT the agenda be approved as presented

CARRIED.

3. Approval of Minutes

MOVED BY: Stan Skalecki

BY: Ryley Reis SECONDED

THAT the minutes be approved as presented

CARRIED.

4. Feedback for Minister's Advisory Council on Special Education (MACSE)

The committee engaged in a discussion on successful practices and challenges/issues for providing feedback for the MACSE form. The purpose of this form is to obtain targeted feedback to support discussion at the next MACSE meeting on February 24, 2024. Below are points from that discussion.

Successful practices

- Successful collaboration with agencies within the community
- The learning and presentation shared at SEAC has improved communication between agencies and their clients. The agencies are shared the information with staff members
- Opportunities for community partners to provide valuable feedback on the Special Education Plan
- Collaboration between SEAC members to assist in filling professional learning gaps (OT CTCTC Amy Forget) providing fine motor workshop
- Sufficient increase in parental participation due to IPRC taking place over the phone

Challenges/Issues

- Geography is a large factor in being able to access and share services within agencies
- Recruitment and maintain staff have been challenging
- Engage community partners to join the SEAC committee
- Community agencies also having issues recruiting qualified staff resulting in longer waitlists for services

5. Agency Reports

No updates were provided from the community partner members.

6. Other Business – The committee welcomed a new member, Kristine Arthur from Kunuwanimano Child and Family Services.

7. Adjournment

Moved By: S. Skalecki

That the meeting be adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

CARRIED