



**SEAC MEETING**  
**(Special Education Advisory Committee)**

**Wednesday, March 24, 2010**  
**11:45 a.m.**  
**Catholic Education Centre**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Kay Gaffney, Child & Family Services of Timmins / Chair  
Joel McCartney, Cochrane Temiskaming Resource Centre/Vice-Chair  
Nancy Cole, Canadian National Institute of the Blind  
William (Bill) Russell, The Lord’s Kitchen  
Rick Brassard, NCDSB Chair  
Elizabeth King, NCDSB Trustee  
Erica Raymond, Special Assignment Teacher - Student Services  
Judy Piché, Administrative Assistant / Recorder

**EXCUSED:** Dolores Butterworth, Timmins Transition Committee  
Marc Lionello, Canadian Mental Health Association  
Colleen Landers, NCDSB Trustee  
Tricia Stefanic Weltz, Superintendent of Education  
Linda Reynolds-Lantz, Resource Teacher, Bishop Belleau School  
Rache Hughes, Payukotayno James Bay Child and Family Services  
Lynne Gray, James Bay Association for Community Living  
Alice Sackaney, Native Friendship Centre  
Cecile Small, Northern College Day Care

**1. Welcome and Prayer**

Kay Gaffney led the group in prayer.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

MOVED BY: B. Russell  
SECONDED BY: J. McCartney

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.  
CARRIED.

3. **Approval of Minutes**

MOVED BY: E. Raymond  
SECONDED BY: J. McCartney

THAT the minutes of the SEAC meeting held February 17, 2010 be approved as presented.  
CARRIED.

4. **Alternate Assessments Parent Survey**

Dan Loreto updated the members on alternate assessments and report cards. Boards across the Northeastern region have agreed to put together a survey to solicit input from parents about their involvement. The target group is children with autism. NCDSB has two autistic students who are on alternate assessments. The information gathered will provide data and valuable insight intended to improve our educational practices. A new resource on alternate assessments will be developed by the lead board, Rainbow DSB, and put into practice provincially. The Ministry has provided funding in the amount of \$5,000 for alternate resources.

5. **CODE JK-1 Project Update**

A summary of the CODE JK-1 Assessment and Intervention Project was distributed to the members. This project is in collaboration with OECTA and take place in the southern schools. Teachers are meeting and designing intervention tools to use with JK and SK students, dealing with cognitive gaps in literacy and numeracy, and also looking at how to incorporate other aspects of special education. Information will be compiled and shared with the lead board, Sudbury CDSB.

6. **Hands Session**

Joel McCartney provided information on the Hands session he attended in North Bay hosted by The Family Help Network and Near North District School Board. The overall goal is for every student with Autism Spectrum Disorder transitioning from an Intensive Behaviour Intervention (IBI) Program into and through school will have a collaborative transition plan. Each transition plan will be seamless and represent a prepared student, a prepared family, a prepared educator and a prepared environment. Information on assessments will be passed on to schools to keep track and avoid challenging circumstances. The final transition is moving from high school to the community. Details will be hammered out in May.

7. **Agency Reports**

Bill Russell mentioned that the Lord's Kitchen served a total of 1,960 plates last Thursday. He shared a success story about young people who get in trouble who have completed their community hours at the Lord's Kitchen are still going.

CTRC was unsuccessful in securing a psychologist or psych associate. Interviews are being conducted for the position of speech and language pathologist.

**10. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 21, 2010 at 11:45 a.m. at the Catholic Education Centre or via videoconference.

**11. Other Business**

**11.1 Letters from the Minister of Education**

Minister of Education, Leona Dombrowsky responded to our concerns on special education funding. Erica Raymond will contact Mary-Lou Pollon regarding adjustments made to the 2009-2010 funding.

**12. Adjournment**

MOVED BY: E. King

That the meeting be adjourned at 12:52 p.m.  
CARRIED.