



SEAC MEETING
(Special Education Advisory Committee)

Wednesday, November 17, 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
Kim Bordignon, Children’s Treatment Centre
Nancy Cole, Canadian National Institute of the Blind
Marc Lionello, Canadian Mental Health Association
William (Bill) Russell, The Lord’s Kitchen
Val Toner, Community Living Timmins
Elizabeth King, NCDSB Trustee
Colleen Landers, NCDSB Trustee
Tricia Stefanic Weltz, Superintendent of Education
Judy Piché, Administrative Assistant / Recorder

EXCUSED: Dan Loreto, Special Assignment Teacher

GUESTS: Catherine Hoven, Resource Teacher, St. Paul School
Natasha Byberg, Resource Teachers, St. Paul School

1. Welcome and Prayer

Kay Gaffney welcomed everyone and led the group in prayer. Val Toner, representing Community Living Timmins, was welcomed to the committee. Kay thanked the trustees for running in the municipal elections.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED BY: E. King
SECONDED BY: C. Landers

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.
CARRIED.

3. **Approval of Minutes**

MOVED BY: N. Cole
SECONDED BY: B. Russell

THAT the minutes of the SEAC meeting held October 20, 2010 be approved as presented.
CARRIED.

4. **Presentation: Leveled Literacy Intervention**

Resource Teachers, Catherine Hoven and Natasha Byberg, gave a brief description of the Leveled Literacy Intervention (LLI) program used at St. Paul School, and shared experiences and successes through the program. LLI is a small group, supplementary intervention designed for children who are working below grade level in reading and writing. The goal of the LLI is to bring students to grade level. Each level in the text gradient makes increasing demands on the readers, but the change is gradual. The books are leveled allowing just enough challenge so that the reader can learn on the text and make small steps toward grade level goals. All resources are from Fountas & Pinnell. Students love the program and are eager to work. Parents are also excited about the program and must sign an agreement indicating their commitment to help their children at home. The program is used at all the other elementary schools at some capacity. Catherine and Natasha were thanked for their presentation.

5. **School Data Breakdown by Exceptionality**

A copy of the school data breakdown by exceptionality was distributed.

6. **Board Improvement Plan**

Tricia Stefanic Weltz provided an overview of the Board Improvement Plan. Over the past few years, the Ministry has been undergoing the review process of the Special Education Board Plan, and is integrating it into the Board Improvement Plan. The BIP has a heavy emphasis for integration for special education students. The provincial results of Grade 3 and 6 students are included in the BIP, and Tricia will share the outcome of the progress made at future meetings.

7. **Distribution of Acronyms**

A list of acronyms was distributed.

8. **SEAC Learning Website**

Tricia encouraged the members to visit the SEAC Learning website at <http://seac-learning.ca>.

9. **SEAC Capacity Building Survey**

The members' responses to the SEAC Capacity Building Survey will be inputted by December 1, 2010.

10. Agency Reports

1544 meals were served at The Lord's Kitchen from October 20th to November 11th. There is an increase of new First Nations people coming from the North and also of homeless people.

Joel McCartney will share more information at a future meeting on the new act *Services and Supports to Promote the Social Inclusion of Persons with Developmental Disabilities Act, 2008*, which will be in effect January 1, 2011 and in full force by July 1, 2011.

Community Living Timmins provides services and supports to individuals with an intellectual disability and their families throughout Timmins.

Child & Family Services of Timmins and District have identified two agencies that they prefer merging with - Jeanne Sauvé Family Services in Cochrane and Timiskaming Child and Family Services. The proposal was submitted to the Ministry but no response was received.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 15, 2010 at 11:45 a.m. at the Catholic Education Centre or via videoconference.

12. Other Business - Nil

13. Adjournment

MOVED BY: B. Russell

That the meeting be adjourned at 1:00 p.m.
CARRIED.