

**SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
Special Education Advisory Committee**

Tuesday, May 25, 2010 @ 6:30 p.m.

Lake Superior High School, Terrace Bay

MINUTES

<u>Voting Members</u>	<i>Attendance Mode: On-site (OS); Teleconference (TC); Videoconference (VC); Absent (A); Regrets (R)</i>										
	OS	TC	VC	A	R		OS	TC	VC	A	R
Audia, Jessica	X					Keenan, Darlene (<i>Alternate</i>)					X
Brown, Cindy	X					Notwell, Kathy	X				
Simmons, Tina (<i>Alternate</i>)	X					Nelson, Theresa	X				
Dupere, Cheryl				X		Tyance, Shirley					
Brown, Tammy (<i>Alternate</i>)				X		Groenveld, Sharon (<i>Alternate</i>)					X

<u>Resource Members</u>	<i>Attendance Mode: On-site (OS); Teleconference (TC); Videoconference (VC); Absent (A); Regrets (R)</i>				
	OS	TC	VC	A	R
Pella, Patti: <i>Director of Education</i>					X
Tamblyn, David: <i>Assistant to the Director of Education</i>	X				
Newton, Valerie: <i>Superintendent of Student Success</i>		X			
Hamill, Sherry: <i>Special Education Board Lead</i>					
Parsons, Don: <i>Student Support Lead</i>					X

1.0 Call to Order

2.0 Approval of Minutes

Additions to the Agenda

There were no additions suggested for this meeting.

4.0 Presentation: Autism Project, Nipigon-Red Rock District High School

Jim Hendricken, accompanied by Melissa Bianco and Jennifer Walsh presented information on the Autism Pilot Program currently under way at Nipigon-Red Rock District High School. Thunder Bay supports the pilot program as it has been a very brief; a half-year in total. The population of ASD children is increasing across the province. The focus of the Program is communication skills and independence skills and is geared to individuals 13- to 21-years of age. Videotapes of role playing to demonstrate “how to ...” are utilized. The communication class is the pilot project. The Life Skills program is part of the regular timetable – period assignment. The smartboard has been used to play back to model for demonstration to students.

Autism Pro: ABELS program – too “primary” in focus. Needs to be more “secondary” oriented.

ABA – Applied Behavioural Analysis Assistant Training – E.A. at Nipigon-Red Rock District High School

5.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

No business arising from the minutes.

6.0 Correspondence

6.1 Autism Pro

The elementary school is interested in using this program.

7.0 New Business

7.1 Agency Updates

Theresa Nelson: Triple 'P' Parenting Program has been delivered through the separate system. Ten parents in one school completed at the separate level. Theresa is working with two developmentally delayed individuals.

7.2 Update of Special Education Program

Sherry Hamill presented an update of the program including funding expenditures on the "Learning for All" document – elementary and secondary release, and the communication class at Nipigon-Red Rock District High School

7.3 Special Education Plan

Dave Tamblyn and Sherry Hamill reviewed the Special Education Plan noting the following updates:

1. Table of Contents – page numbers
2. Reference to Board Form numbers
3. List of funding enhancements removed
4. Page 8 updated – placements reflect changes from 5 to 3
5. Early Identification – Page 10
 - Fair Start Screening
 - Oral Language Assessment
 - DRA – "JK Booklet" given to student
6. Page 12 reviewed and updated
7. Page 14 reviewed: can dispense with the annual review of IPRC at parent's choice
8. Section L – IEP: How board does its compliance with the standard
9. Section N (Page 30): No release time for special education, new equipment, assessment by professional – list of acceptable professions
10. Accessibility (Page 34): Included from Plant Department – Transportation of Special Needs students
11. Page 38: Roles and Responsibilities

Updated information included:

- List of new SEAC
- SERT – elementary/secondary
- IPRCs – new referrals, appeals (numbers do not reflect the actual numbers identified)

7.4 Educational Assistant Update

David Tamblyn reviewed the E.A. staffing:

- 46.5 Special Education
- 13 INAC
- .5 Safe Schools

Some schools have increased and some schools have decreased with respect to the need for Educational Assistants.

INAC funding is not going to be at the same level this year as last. INAC has indicated that the funding will not be at the same level.

8.0 Information Items

No items were presented.

9.0 Agenda Items: Next Meeting Date/Time/Venue

Next meeting date will be Tuesday, September 14, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

10.0 Adjournment