

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

Tuesday, May 29, 2007 @ 6:00 p.m.

Face-to-Face:

Lake Superior High School, Library
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					X
Aylward, Les (<i>Alternate</i>)					X	Mannisto, Mark (<i>Alternate</i>)	X				
Brown, Cindy	X					Nelson, Theresa	X				
English, Jennifer, <i>Chair</i>	X					Souckey, Leslie	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	
Haman, Lise: <i>Director of Education</i>						X
Patterson, Heidi: <i>System Special Education Resource</i>	X					
Kappel, Colleen: <i>Superintendent of Education</i>	X					
Rousseau, Bruce: <i>Superintendent of Business</i>	X					
Robart, John: <i>Assistant to the Superintendent of Education/Student Success Leader</i>						X
Penna, Linda: <i>SERT / Critical Coach</i>	X					

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. Chair Jennifer English welcomed all the members, and as it was our first face-to-face meeting for the year we all introduced who we were and our role.

2.0 Approval of Minutes

Moved by: Trustee Cindy Brown

Seconded by: Leslie Souckey

✓ **That**, the SEAC Minutes of April 24, 2007 be approved as presented.

3.0 Additions to the Agenda

Colleen had a pamphlet about a conference that is being held in Toronto in the fall on the topic of Mental Health.

4.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

None

5.0 Correspondence

5.1 Letter to Pauline McRae – Marathon High School Community Council, Re: SEA Process.
Jennifer asked if any of the members had any questions about the letter.

6.0 New Business

- 6.1 [SGDSB Budget Presentation](#) - B. Rousseau
Bruce shared his presentation about the school board budget. See attachments.
Jennifer asked a specific question with regards to the High Needs Amount that we receive currently, and if a letter should be written on behalf of SEAC. This is something that the group can consider in the fall.
- 6.2 [Assistive Technology Presentation](#) - H. Patterson / L. Penna
Due to time, Heidi provided the group with a copy of the power point presentation. Linda showed the group the Kurzweil program and how it is being used by our students.
- 6.3 [Approval of the Board's Annual Special Education Plan](#)
Moved by: Trustee Cindy Brown Seconded by: Jennifer English
The SEAC passed motion to submit the Special Education Board Plan for the 2006-2007 school year. Carried.
- 6.4 [Educational Assistant Staffing Update](#)
Heidi provided a brief update for the EA staffing for coming school year. She indicated that there would be some cuts, but we are committed to EAs for Later Literacy. The priority for EA staffing will be for the safety of students and the safety of others.
- 6.5 [Board Budget Review](#)
Colleen led the group through this process. She was going to submit the groups' discussion points to the board for review. We had a good dialogue about the priorities and where funds should be allocated.
- 6.6 [PPM 140 - Incorporating Methods of Applied Behaviour Analysis \(ABA\) into Programs for students with Autism Spectrum Disorders \(ASD\)](#) - H. Patterson
Heidi provided the group with a brief overview of the PPM and more details would follow. There is a meeting on June 7th to discuss the PPM and how we are going to implement this PPM in our board.
- 6.7 [Board Website](#)
Heidi shared with the SEAC that there is now an area on the website that is specifically focused on Special Education located in the Education and Resources section at:
www.sgdsb.on.ca/lwp/wcm/connect/SGDSB/Education+%26+Resources/Special+Education/

7.0 Information Items

- 7.1 [George O'Neill Public School Retrofit Update](#)
The retrofit is happening at George O'Neill Public School. The committee would like a tour of the school upon completion and so we will be looking at hosting our first SEAC meeting face-to-face at the school.

8.0 Agenda Items: Next Meeting Date/Time/Venue To be determined

9.0 Adjournment

- Moved by: Trustee Cindy Brown Seconded by: Jessica Audia
✓ **That, the SEAC Meeting be adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Carried.**

6.1 SGDSB Budget Presentation Attachments (B. Rousseau)



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