

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

Tuesday, November 21, 2006 @ 6:30 p.m.

Face to Face
Lake Superior HS Library (Terrace Bay)

Electronic
Videoconference
Teleconference

M I N U T E S

Voting Members		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leslie Souckey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Darlene Keenan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Janet Reynolds
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kathie Notwell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Mannisto	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jessica Audia (alternate)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stanley Voogt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jennifer English	

Resource Members		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Colleen Kappel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Heidi Patterson	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Robart	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patti Pella	

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. Heidi welcomed our new member, Jennifer English, to the committee. The members at each site then introduced themselves to Jennifer.

Heidi also advised that Stan Voogt will no longer be a representative on the SEAC.

2.0 Approval of Minutes

Moved By: Darlene Keenan Seconded By: Janet Reynolds
That, the SEAC Minutes of October 24, 2006 be approved as presented.

3.0 Additions to the Agenda

3.1 Chair for SEAC – We are looking for a chair for the SEAC. Heidi asked that if any members are interested, if they would please forward their name to Heidi before the next meeting. If you would like any further details, please call Heidi.

4.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

4.1 George O'Neill Retrofit Update – Darlene and Mark provided a brief up-date from the board meeting. The tenders have not gone out yet and so they are a month behind on the project. It is still expected that the occupancy for the school will be August 31st, 2007.

4.2 E.A. Staffing Update – Heidi provided the committee with an update on the Educational Assistant staffing for this year. We had 84.5 E.A.s for the 2005-2006 school year. We have 62.5 E.A.s for the 2006-2007 school year. We have 52.5 funded through board funding, seven (7) through INAC (Aboriginal Students), and three (3) Literacy teachers funded through Student Success.

4.3 Funding Information – Draft a letter to Minister of Education - The letter was discussed by the members. Jennifer asked about further projections of data, but Heidi explained

that she did not feel comfortable in light of the declining enrollment and the economic state of our communities. Mark was going to be taking this to the OPSBA meeting and would report back at the next meeting.

5.0 Correspondence

- 5.1 [Halton District School Board](#) – Heidi read through the highlights of the letter and indicated that this would be sent out for the SEAC to read through.
- 5.2 [Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board](#) – Heidi highlighted this letter for the committee and it will be sent out to the membership to review and if needed, discussed at the next meeting.
- 5.3 Letter from Stanley Voogt – he will no longer be on the SEAC. A letter will be sent out to him on behalf of SEAC to thank him for his membership and contribution.

6.0 New Business

- 6.1 SGDSB Exceptional Student Data – Heidi shared this data. There was a question about the number of males as compared to the number of females. We discussed this and Darlene advised that they are looking at all aspects of the data and specifically looking at the needs of the male learner. You can look at data on the Ministry website.
- 6.2 Accessibility Directorate of Ontario Letter – This was information for the SEAC to review.

7.0 Information Items

- 7.1 Board Website – we are looking at adding some more detail to the board website in terms of Special Education.
- 7.2 SEAC Profile for Website – Heidi asked for feed-back. This will be used to recruit new members. Darlene asked if the Easter Seal organization is still mandated to have a member on SEAC. The regulation does not state specific organizations

8.0 Agenda Items: Next Meeting Date/Time/Venue

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 19, 2006 @ 6:30 p.m.

8.0 Adjournment

Moved By: Darlene Keenan Seconded By: Leslie Souckey
That, the SEAC Meeting be adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Electronic Attachments

5.0 **Correspondence**

5.1 Halton District School Board



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5.2 Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board



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