

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

Tuesday, October 7, 2008 @ 6:30 p.m.

***Videoconference Sites:***

Board Office, Marathon  
Geraldton Composite High School, Geraldton  
Lake Superior High School, Terrace Bay  
Manitouwadge High School, Manitouwadge  
Nipigon-Red Rock District High School, Red Rock

**MINUTES**

<b><u>Voting Members</u></b>	<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			
Bartlett, Bette ( <i>Alternate</i> )				X		Notwell, Kathy ( <i>Alternate</i> )			X		
Brown, Cindy	X					Nelson, Theresa		X			
Dupere, Cheryl				X		Souckey, Leslie	X				
English, Jennifer ( <i>Chair</i> )				X							

<b><u>Resource Members</u></b>	<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		
Kappel, Colleen: <i>Superintendent of Education</i>	X					
Newton, Valerie: <i>Student Success Coordinator / Assistant to the Superintendent of Education</i>				X		

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

2.0 Approval of Minutes

Moved by: Trustee D. Keenan

Seconded by: Trustee C. Brown

✓ ***That, the SEAC Informational Notes of the June 4, 2008 Meeting be accepted as presented.***  
**CARRIED.**

3.0 Additions to the Agenda

Colleen Kappel requested the follow additions to the agenda:

- New Business 6.3 Assistive Technology
- 6.4 Items that SEAC would like to see presented or discussed this year
- 6.5 How to recruit new members

4.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

5.0 Correspondence

- 5.1 Colleen Kappel shared a letter that she has been in receipt of since September 25, 2008 outlining the formula of funding students with high needs.

## 6.0 New Business

### 6.1 Selection of new SEAC Chair

Leslie Souckey was elected as the SEAC Chair.

### 6.2 VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children Information and Update

Leslie presented information and an update on VOICE.

### 6.3 Assistive Technology

Note to all schools and all teachers with students regarding who is using the equipment. The equipment should be audited for all opportunities to utilize it.

C. Brown inquired if the equipment can be used for students who may require use of it with the direction of the teacher. C. Kappel answered that the equipment stays with the student it was purchased for/assigned to.

### 6.4 Items that SEAC would like to see presented or discussed this year

C. Kappel is looking for items so that she can line up presentations or gather data for discussion. The following list was generated:

- C. Brown: Autism in the school system?
- L. Souckey: VOICE.
- C. Kappel and K. Notwell: An "Easy Eye" outline of the reading assessments that are administered (primary 4-8, grades 6-8)
- K. Notwell: Parents have the right to access information
- C. Kappel: Covered an overview regarding rights – parental rights (i.e. using EQAO grade 6 students as an example)

### 6.5 How to Recruit New Members

There was a discussion about how to recruit new members and it was agreed that we would all try to recruit new members. The following individuals would be approached: Cheryl Dupere, Ontario Special Olympics and Sharon Groeneveld (parent – Geraldton) K. Notwell would like to see a SEAC member from DILICO. Colleen Kappel will arrange for an advertisement to be placed in the school newsletters and a radio announcement on CFNO.

## 7.0 Information Items

### 8.0 Agenda Items: Next Meeting Date/Time/Venue

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, November 12, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

### 9.0 Adjournment

Moved by: T. Nelson

Seconded by: Trustee C. Brown

✓ ***That, the SEAC Meeting be adjourned at 6:55 p.m. CARRIED.***