



SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD Special Education Advisory Committee

January 11, 2022 @ 3:00 pm

Videoconference Sites:

Due to Covid-19, SGDSB will conduct their SEAC meetings virtually until further notice. Videoconference sites will be unavailable. Please contact the board office to receive the electronic invitation/link to the meeting.

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Agenda

Voting Members (4/7)	OS	TC	VC	A	R
MCINTYRE, Margaret: <i>Trustee (Chair)</i>			X		
MANNISTO, Mark: <i>Trustee (Vice-Chair)</i>			X		
CORMIER, Paul: <i>First Nation Trustee</i>			X		
Smith, Bobby Jo: <i>North of Superior Counseling Programs (NOSP)</i>				X	
BRAKE-WELDON, Brandy: <i>Dilico</i>			X		
AUDIA, Jessica: <i>Superior Greenstone Association for Community Living</i>				X	
MONTELPARE, Erin: <i>North of Superior Programs (NOSP-Alternate)</i>			X		
MOORE, Jennifer <i>Dilico (Alternate)</i>				X	
GROENEVELD, Sharon: <i>Superior Greenstone Association for Community Living (Alternate)</i>				X	
ZAPPITELLI, Sheila: <i>Superior Greenstone Association for Community Living (Alternate)</i>			X		
<i>Member vacancy</i>					
NESBITT, Jason: <i>Trustee (Alternate)</i>				X	
MAJOR, Christine: <i>Trustee (Alternate)</i>				X	
PELLETIER, Allison: <i>Trustee (Alternate)</i>				X	

Resource Members	OS	TC	VC	A	R
McRAE, Pinky: <i>Board Chair (Ex-Officio)</i>				X	
MORDEN CORMIER, Nicole: <i>Director of Education</i>			X		
GOODMAN, Will: <i>Superintendent of Education</i>			X		
COUTURE, Erin: <i>Student Trustee</i>				X	
MOLINSKI, Grace: <i>Student Trustee</i>				X	
RENAUD, Deana: <i>Mental Health Manager</i>			X		
BIANCO, Melissa: <i>Positive Behaviour Support Consultant</i>			X		
CURTIS, Sara: <i>Principal, Terrace Bay and Schreiber Public School</i>					X
BREWSTER, Annick: <i>Special Education Lead</i>			X		
LEROUX, Erik: <i>Vice-Principal, Dorion Public School</i>			X		
DUMONSKI, Candice: <i>Secretary</i>			X		

Attendance Mode: On-site (OS); Teleconference (TC); Videoconference (VC); Absent (A); Regrets (R)

Land Acknowledgement:	N. Morden Cormier offered her thanks through a land acknowledgement.
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1.0	Call to Order:	at 3:06pm by N. Morden Cormier, Director and Secretary to the Board Chairs the meeting until a new Chair is elected.
2.0	Approval of Minutes from November 9, 2021:	
	Motion to approve minutes made by M. Mannisto	
	Seconded by S. Zappitelli	
3.0	Additions to the Agenda:	
	None	
4.0	Business Arising from Minutes:	
	None	
5.0	Agenda Items:	Host
	5.1 Chair Role Description	Will Goodman
	<p>W. Goodman started by thanking M. McIntyre for all her hard work for many years of work on SEAC.</p> <p>W. Goodman – What does the chair role do? Chair is a person that is flexible, communicates well with others, and is very much supported by our team. Very important that this person connects to our team. SGDSB will get everything ready to have a successful meeting, anticipate quorum, information is taken here in our minutes, important for our meetings. Vice Chair is to be back up for the chair for meetings. Chair and vice chair to be elected today. M. Mannisto stated that they do not have to be a trustee to be a chair or vice chair. N. Morden Cormier clarified that yes it does not have to be a trustee.</p>	
	5.2 Naming of Two Scrutineers: Erik Leroux and Will Goodman	Nicole Morden-Cormier
	They will both be scrutineers, counters of the vote and monitor election if needed	
	5.3 Election: SEAC Chair	Nicole Morden-Cormier
	Call for Nominations – may self-nominate or nominate someone.	
	<p>Nominations – Only voting members can nominate – No nominations</p> <p>Self-Nomination – B. Brake Weldon</p> <p>N. Morden Cormier - acclaimed B. Brake-Weldon is named Chair</p>	
	5.4 Election: Vice Chair	
	<p>Call for Nominations – from voting members - None</p> <p>Volunteers – self nominate – Sheila Zappitelli.</p> <p>N. Morden Cormier - Acclaimed Sheila Z. as Vice Chair</p>	
	5.5 Secretary Update for SEAC Meeting	Erik Leroux
	E. Leroux thanked B. Nuttall all her work on SEAC and welcomed C. Dumonski as replacement for B. Nuttall, secretary.	
	5.6 IPRC Parent Handbook	Annick Brewster
	<p>A. Brewster shared IPRC handbook.</p> <p>P. Cormier suggested First Nations partners be involved, he asked if IPRC is shared with parents and it should happen with parents at IPRC meetings. He also suggested that perhaps having an electronic fillable version maybe more user friendly.</p> <p>W. Goodman suggested that the Handbook be brought to IEAC Meetings</p> <p>N. Morden Cormier states that there is a new position of Student Indigenous Advocate that will be starting to working with families as a possible way to get handbook to families or can be taken directly to families.</p>	

	<p>M. McIntyre followed up by saying this is concise and easy to read. Has this been brought to parent involvement committee/student council?</p> <p>N. Morden Cormier stated that it hasn't been requested at IEAC but she can bring it and offer it to them.</p> <p>W. Goodman added that parent council can access on website. It would be a document Principals can give to families to review and can be shared with School Councils.</p> <p>P. Cormier stated he did not have time to read document over prior to this meeting but he will read over and will provide feedback after the weekend.</p>	
5.7	MDT Update	Sara Curtis
	<p>A Brewster shared report from MDT – she stated that two schools will be highlighted – one elementary and one high school. Today – the work happening a B.A. Parker - engaging in collaborative work supporting their work in equity engaging in learning about PECS (Picture Exchange Communication System). Currently talking with multi-disciplinary team leaders. Students learn to communicate in this program through pictures. Teams work in collaboration between teachers, EAs, Melissa Bianco, Jackie G., SET and Principal.</p> <p>MDT will continue to work with schools across the district on Power school and IEP's. Dec. hot topic was on Identification, modifications and accommodations and Hot topics will continue.</p> <p>Schools submitted their IEP Audits and MDT will be meeting with each school.</p> <p>Questions – to bring back to S. Curtis? None</p>	
5.8	SEL Scoop	Deana Renaud
	<p>D. Renaud presentation highlighted SEL Scoop monthly newsletter. If you would like to be added to her mailing list, email Deana and she will also send back issues for September, October, November, December and January. M. Mannisto would like to be added to email list.</p>	
5.9	Superior Greenstone Association for Community Living Presentation	Sheila Zappitelli
	<p>S. Zappitelli discussed the transitional age and that more work needs to be done to transition students to life after high school. She is looking at continuing her partnership with M. Bianco and Carole Leroux.</p> <p>P. Cormier asked how they integrate into the school with Special Education and IPRC Parent Handbook? How do they complement each other?</p> <p>S. Zappitelli stated there is a gap in the transition. There is nothing in the adult service world for them and we need to work together during this transition to make it more seamless. Pilot project on hold due to Covid. Educate families on what is available after high school. We need to come together as a group to support transition.</p> <p>P. Cormier asked about IEPs and where do the other support groups come in for A. Brewster's IPRC document?</p> <p>S. Zappitelli asked where does it fit in the master game plan?</p> <p>M. Bianco stated that pre-covid they were working on a three-phase plan on how to integrate this and mapping out services of who and when. It's called the Destination Pathways Pilot.</p> <p>B. Brake Weldon stated that getting rid of and bridging gaps are really important.</p>	
5.10	Special Incidence Portion Funding Changes for 2021-2022	Will Goodman
	<p>W. Goodman stated he received a memo prior to Christmas regarding Special Incidence Portion Funding, more than two full time staff, 1/6 allocations, you used to have to apply for funding, due to Covid SGDSB is allotted the same amount from last year plus 5% around \$700 000-800 000 dollars.</p>	

	No questions for W. Goodman.	
6.0	Correspondence:	
		Host
6.1	Lecce Letter: Decision Making Regarding the Return to Traditional Semester Model	Will Goodman
	<p>W. Goodman started by saying how the quadmester impacts students with special needs and all students. Right now, we are returning to semesters, and will have to look at those semesters go for the future.</p> <p>No questions for W. Goodman</p>	
7.0	New Business:	
	None	Host
8.0	Information Items:	
	None	Host
9.0	Agenda Items: Next meeting Date/Time/Venue:	
	Feb 15th at 3pm video conference	
10.0	Adjournment: 4:09 pm	
	Motion to adjourn made by	M. McIntyre
	Motion to adjourn seconded by P. Cormier	