



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

September 21, 2021 @ 3:00 pm

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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>Principal, Manitouwadge Public School & Continuing Education</i>			X		
LEROUX, Erik: <i>Vice-Principal, Dorion Public School</i>			X		
NUTTALL, Bronwyn: <i>Secretary</i>			X		

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

1.0	Call to Order:	at 3:10 by Chair, Margaret McIntyre
2.0	Approval of Minutes from June 9, 2021:	
	Motion to approve minutes made by: B. Brake-Weldon	
	Seconded by: P. Cormier	

3.0	Additions to the Agenda:	
	None	
4.0	Business Arising from Minutes:	
	None	
5.0	Agenda Items:	Host
5.1	Welcome/Reopening Schools	Will Goodman
	<p>W. Goodman welcomed the group and extended a big thank you to all SEAC members, acknowledging that engagement with trusted partners is vital and that he appreciates member participation as time is valuable. W. Goodman extended a sincere thanks to all staff as students are now back in the classroom and stressed that everything possible is being done to keep them safe.</p> <p>N. Morden Cormier opened with a Land Acknowledgment, thanking past, present and future elders.</p>	
5.2	Introductions: New and Returning Members	Annick Brewster
	<p>A. Brewster welcomed members back and stated that she is looking forward to working with everyone. A. Brewster introduced the new members of the team:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B. Smith, Executive Director of NOSP Counselling Programs • E. Leroux, Vice-Principal of Dorion Public School and MTD Member • B. Nuttall, Dorion Public School Secretary 	
5.3	Census Project	Mahejabeen Ebrahim
	<p>M. Ebrahim began by stating that it was with great pride that she introduce the Student Census Project. A Pilot Study began Grades 9-12 students in Geraldton in the Fall of 2020. There were many positive responses from students, who were happy to provide information. This fall, the project will be extended to include all students in K-12. All School Boards in Ontario will be required to comply, as mandated by the Ministry of Education. The goal is to have an accurate picture of the student population and create voice and agency, which will in turn provide equity of access to all students. As the project is voluntary, it is important to encourage parents, guardians, caregivers and students to engage. M. Ebrahim stated that Human Rights are not always associated with small humans, so it is important to uphold those rights and support diverse student needs. The tagline for the project is I am Proud, Cultural, Confident, Unique, Strong, Spiritual, Myself, Whole. M. Ebrahim shared that some of the questions surrounding Identity include languages spoken, Indigenous Identity (may provide information regarding band and community), ethnicity, spiritual beliefs, gender identity and disability. The questions geared towards Grade 9-12 students will have a Sexual Orientation component as well. Participants can give as little or as much information as they would like. M. Ebrahim pointed out that there will be a website, posters, videos, and social media posts. There will also be a small gift provided to participants as a thank you that will include the Census Project logo. M. Ebrahim stressed that data is kept confidential, but not anonymous, which will allow for systemic analysis. There are layers of security and access will be restricted to authorized persons only.</p> <p>Questions:</p> <p>B. Smith asked if the project will be distributed to other School Boards. M. Ebrahim stated that the Ministry of Education has set a deadline for school Boards to comply, which has not yet passed.</p> <p>M. McIntyre asked what will happen to the data once the students leave the Secondary School System. M. Ebrahim stated that there will be a set period of time required to track the information and that data retention protocol will be followed.</p> <p>B. Brake-Weldon asked if information collected last year will be compared to this year's data. M. Ebrahim stated that going forward, information will be compared. This year, the goal is to get all students into the system.</p> <p>M. McIntyre thanked M. Ebrahim for the excellent presentation and thanked her for all of the hard work.</p>	

5.4	SEAC Goals 2021-2022	Annick Brewster
<p>A. Brewster provided examples of SEAC team goals from previous years, and requested suggestions on what the team should focus on this year.</p> <p>P. Cormier commented that he has enjoyed the various training opportunities in the past. P. Cormier stated that he would like the members to have a broader understanding of what each organization represented within the Committee has to offer, and how the Committee Members can support each other. A. Brewster thanked P. Cormier.</p> <p>B. Smith commented that there are reports of scenarios where students are coming back to in class learning lacking life skills, self-care etc. B. Smith suggested that the group focus on opportunities to enhance support for these families. M. McIntyre thanked B. Smith.</p> <p>P. Cormier thanked M. McIntyre for updating the Board Trustees on SEAC matters at each Board Meeting.</p> <p>A. Brewster thanked members for their thoughts and added that any additional ideas can be sent to her via email.</p>		
5.5	Multi-Disciplinary Team Update	Annick Brewster
<p>A. Brewster gave a brief overview of the Multi-Disciplinary Team and introduced new members. A. Brewster stated that the goal of the Multi-Disciplinary Team is to provide timely and equitable access to supports and ensuring the team is responsive to the student's needs.</p> <p>Questions/comments:</p> <p>N. Morden Cormier commented that the Multi-Disciplinary team is a great way to engage and enhance partnerships.</p>		
6.0	Correspondence:	Host
6.1		Will Goodman
<p>W. Goodman stated that correspondence will be sent as attachments to all SEAC Committee members for review prior to meetings.</p>		
7.0	New Business:	Host
<p>None.</p>		
8.0	Information Items:	Host
<p>None.</p>		
9.0	Agenda Items: Next meeting Date/Time/Venue:	October at 3 pm
<p>Please forward any agenda items to Bronwyn Nuttall or Annick Brewster.</p>		
10.0	Adjournment:	3:59 p.m.
<p>Motion to adjourn made by P. Cormier</p>		
<p>Motion to adjourn seconded by B. Brake-Weldon</p>		