

SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
Special Education Advisory Committee

Wednesday, February 20, 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

<u>Voting Members</u>	Attendance Mode: On-site (OS); Teleconference (TC); Videoconference (VC); Absent (A); Regrets (R)										
	OS	TC	VC	A	R		OS	TC	VC	A	R
Audia, Jessica					X	Keenan, Darlene		X			
Bartlett, Bette (Alternate)					X	Notwell, Kathy (Alternate)		X			
Brown, Cindy					X	Nelson, Theresa					X
English, Jennifer (Chair)	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
Pella, Patti: <i>Director of Education</i>					X
Patterson, Heidi: <i>System Special Education Resource</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

2.0 Approval of Minutes

Moved by: Leslie Souckey Seconded by: Darlene Keenan

✓ **That, the SEAC [Minutes of January 15, 2008](#) be approved as presented.**

3.0 Additions to the Agenda

Leslie Souckey included an information item: Update on VOICE.
 Colleen Kappel received one items of correspondence.

4.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

- 4.1 Community Resources Pamphlet - C. Kappel
 Information was collected and shared. Colleen Kappel will work with Corinne Hooper to develop a draft pamphlet so that it can be brought back to the next meeting. Additional items for the pamphlet can be sent to Corinne or Colleen.
- 4.2 SEAC Chair
 Jennifer English agreed to continue as Chair of SEAC.

5.0 Correspondence

Colleen Kappel shared a brief from the Minister's Advisory Council on Special Education and will ensure that a copy is sent to all SEAC members.

6.0 New Business

Items for the next meeting: Colleen Kappel will bring some information forth regarding the use of Assistive Technology and close caption for video conferencing. The committee is interested in seeing specific statistical data on usage for SGDSB.

7.0 Information Items

Leslie Souckey shared an update from VOICE which highlighted the following information:

- VOICE Mentorship Program (an opportunity for school boards to work with VOICE in training teachers of the deaf in the auditory-verbal approach so that they are poised to support the growing numbers of babies identified through IHP and who are following this communication approach to learn to listen and to speak.
- The College of Teachers will be introducing a new curriculum in the fall for teachers of the deaf. Teachers of the deaf will be able to specialize in either ASL or Oral Communication.

8.0 Agenda Items: Next Meeting Date/Time/Venue

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 8, 2008 6:30pm

9.0 Adjournment

Moved by: Kathy Notwell Seconded by: Darlene Keenan.

✓ ***That, the SEAC Meeting be adjourned at 7:10 p.m.***