SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD Special Education Advisory Committee

Wednesday, January 14, 2009 @ 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

Voting Members	Attendance Mode:On-site (OS); Teleconference (TC); Videoconference (VC); Absent (A); Regrets (R)										
	os	TC	VC	Α	R		os	TC	VC	Α	R
Audia, Jessica				Х		Notwell, Kathy (Alternate)		Χ			
Brown, Cindy (Alternate)						Nelson, Theresa		Х			
Dupere, Cheryl		Х				Simmons, Tina				Х	
English, Jennifer				Х		Souckey, Leslie (Chair)					Х
Keenan, Darlene		Х									

Resource Members	Attendance Mode: On-site (OS); Teleconference (TC); Videoconference (VC); Absent (A); Regrets (R)									
Resource Members		os	TC	VC	Α	R				
Pella, Patti: Director of Education										
Kappel, Colleen: Superintendent of Education										
Newton, Valerie: Student Success Coordinator / Assistant to the Superintendent of Education			Х							

1.0 Call to Order at 6:33 PM

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. Colleen acted as Chair as Leslie sent her regrets.

Colleen welcomed guests Heidi Patterson, Vice Principal at Margaret Twomey Public School and Stacey Wallwin, SERT at Lake Superior High School.

2.0 Approval of Minutes

- ✓ That, the Minutes of the October 7, 2008 be approved as presented.
- √ That, the Informational Minutes of the November 12, 2008 be approved as presented.

3.0 Additions to the Agenda

- 3.1 January 30th PD on Assistive Technology with focus on Learning Disabilities (Communication) as 6.3 under New Business
- 3.2 Student Support Leadership Position as 6.4 under New Business
- 3.3 Quilt of Honour as 5.2 under Correspondence

4.0 <u>Business Arising from the Minutes</u>

5.0 Correspondence

- 5.1 Memo to Boards for Parent Access to Electronic IEP Templates

 Heidi provided information on Parent Access to Electronic IEPs, a copy of the memo and highlighted the website address to access the IEPs. Parents can approaches administrators for additional information.
- 5.2 "Quilt of Honour" C. Kappel Information regarding the program (focusing on Students with Mental Health illnesses) was mentioned and a copy of the correspondence will be shared with all participants.

6.0 New Business

- 6.1 College Options for Workplace Students

 Val Newton provided an outline of college requirements for students with special needs.

 Stacey Wallwin highlighted various ways that colleges are trying to meet the needs of all students and outlined various programs such as Community Integration through Cooperative Education. Stacey will provide documents to all SEAC members. Stacey encourages all students and parents to dialogue with guidance counselors and the Special Education Resource Teachers about transitions to various pathways after high schools.

 Colleen and Val will look for ways to better inform students and parents about the pathways and options for students after high school.
- 6.2 Assessment and Evaluation: "Growing Success"

 Colleen, Heidi and Val outlined the purpose of the "Growing Success" document. Heidi provided information on the special education section in the draft document. The Ministry is asking all boards to provide feedback. The document will be emailed to all SEAC members for feedback. Questions, concerns and comments can be shared with Val Newton, Heidi Patterson or Colleen Kappel.
- 7.0 Information Items
- 8.0 <u>Agenda Items: Next Meeting Date/Time/Venue</u> Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 11, 2009
- 9.0 Adjournment

✓ That, the SEAC Meeting be adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Electronic Attachments

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2.0 Approval of Minutes

October 7, 2008



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November 12, 2008



November 12-08.pdf

<u>5.0</u> Correspondence

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