

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

Tuesday, March 27, 2012 @ 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
AUDIA, Jessica: <i>Superior Greenstone Association for Community Living</i>				X	
BROWN, Cindy: <i>Trustee</i>					X
BROWN, Tammy: <i>Superior Greenstone Association for Community Living Alternate</i>				X	
FISHER, Matthew: <i>Trustee</i>		X			
GROENEVELD, Sharon: <i>Superior Greenstone Association for Community Living Alternate</i>					X
KEENAN, Darlene: <i>Trustee (Alternate)</i>				X	
MANNISTO, Mark: <i>Trustee (Alternate)</i>		X			
NELSON, Theresa: <i>Greenstone Social Services</i>		X			
TYANCE, Shirley: <i>Thunder Bird Friendship Centre</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
TAMBLYN, David: <i>Director of Education</i>		X			
PARSONS, Donald: <i>Student Support Lead</i>		X			
DART, Alannah: <i>Student Trustee</i>				X	
PELLETIER, Allison: <i>Student Trustee</i>		X			

- 1.0 Call to Order  
 The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Mark Mannisto.
- 2.0 Approval of Minutes  

✓ ***That, the Minutes of February 2, 2012 be approved as presented.*** - See Email Attachment

**Moved by:** Theresa Nelson    **Seconded by:** Matthew Fisher
- 3.0 Additions to the Agenda  
 There were additions.
- 4.0 Business Arising from the Minutes  
 There was no Business Arising from the Minutes.
- 5.0 Correspondence  
 There was no Correspondence.
- 6.0 New Business
  - 6.1 Board Strategic Plan - See Email Attachment
 D. Tamblyn addressed the group advising a recent **DRAFT** was presented to the Trustees last

week and approved by the Trustees. It has been posted to the board website and Tamblyn suggested SEAC members review the plan. (A copy of the plan was sent to SEAC members along with today's AGENDA.) If anyone has comments regarding this plan there is a direct link to Tamblyn e-mail.

- 6.2 Special Education Coordinator Update - D. Tamblyn  
D. Tamblyn advised Sherri Hamel held the position of Special Education Coordinator but is off on indefinite personal leave. Tamblyn will take over this role.
- 6.3 Teacher Diagnostician Update - D. Tamblyn  
D. Tamblyn advised the position posted to replace Hillary Freeburn, on maternity leave, has not been filled due to unqualified applicants. The posting will be reposted.
- 6.4 Mental Health and Addictions Initiative - See Email Attachment  
D. Parsons addressed the group advising the board received funding for skill training for staff from the Ministry (\$23,000.00). The training is to help staff better understand Mental Health & Addiction. There is a positive impact on staff that have been trained and using especially in Grades 7-12. The capacity for training is up to 32 people broken up into two groups. Training dates should take place near the end of May. Tamblyn added he will keep SEAC group informed of training in this area.
- 6.5 FASD Training for Educators – April 25, 26 & 27  
D. Tamblyn advised the board is sending four teachers (elementary/high school) to this training; very comprehensive course. D. Parsons wanted to know if Ministry funded – not. Tamblyn advised KEO Catrall (law office) providing funding for this P.D.
- 6.6 Mental Health Literacy - See Email Attachment  
D. Parsons addressed. Group reviewed P.P. (attachment) with Parsons – excellent information to gained and refer to.
- 6.7 Second Step Program: Social & Emotional Skills for Academic Success - D. Parsons  
- See Email Attachment  
D. Parsons reviewed the attachment with the committee. Advised *Children's Centre-Thunder Bay* integrated this first and Thunder Bay school's have implemented this into their curriculum. Sheryl O'Riley, North of Superior Programs, is using in S.G.D.S.B.  
D. Tamblyn advised this program is easily integrated into curriculum program. Beardmore P.S. has ordered six kits at a cost of \$2,400.00 for Grades K-8.  
Refer to attachment to see positive implementation.

## 7.0 Information Items

- 7.1 IPRC Meetings (*Identification, Placement and Review Committee*) – Spring  
Typically these meetings took place in the fall because of transitioning to high school the meetings are being moved to Spring.
- 7.2 Suicide Prevention Protocol  
D. Tamblyn indicated this as an information item. S.G.D.S.B. is working with S.N.C.S.B. and North of Superior Programs in developing program used by the Lakehead School Board and modifying to suit S.G.D.S.B. needs.

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

- 8.1 Tuesday, April 24, 2012

## 9.0 Adjournment

Moved by: Theresa Nelson                      Seconded by: Matthew Fisher

✓ *That, the SEAC Meeting be adjourned at 7:03 p.m.*