



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

November 9, 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 &amp; 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)*

<b>Land Acknowledgment :</b>	Chair Mark Mannisto offered a Land Acknowledgment.
<b>1.0 Call to Order:</b>	At 3:05 pm by Chair, Mark Mannisto

<b>2.0</b>	<b>Approval of Minutes from October 12, 2021:</b>	
	Motion to approve minutes made by: Jessica Audia	
	Seconded by: Paul Cormier	
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Additions to the Agenda:</b>	<b>Host</b>
	Update on October 22 <sup>nd</sup> PD Day from Melissa Bianco.	Sara Curtis
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Business Arising from Minutes:</b>	
	None.	
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Agenda Items:</b>	
	<b>5.1</b> School Mental Health Ontario Update	Deana Renaud
	<p>D. Renaud delivered an update from the School Mental Health Ontario Regional Leads Meeting October 20<sup>th</sup>. The Meeting included Leads from across the Northwest, Superintendents, and a representative from the Ministry of Education. The key announcement from the Ministry was that there will be a Mental Health branch exclusive and separate from other branches. D. Renaud explained that there will be a system responsible for that branch exclusively. Updates were also given on the progression of services and supports going to be provided to Mental Health Leads and school-based teams (memo with resources highlighted in the year, mentally healthy back to school support packages released to system in September etc.).</p> <p>D. Renaud answered questions from the Committee.</p> <p>W. Goodman added that currently, Mental Health Ontario lives within the Special Education portfolio.</p>	
	<b>5.2</b> Special Education Data	Annick Brewster
	A. Brewster provided Provincial data regarding the needs of the students we serve in Special Education in both Elementary and Secondary schools for the 2019-2021. A. Brewster also provided a comparison between the Provincial and Superior Greenstone District School Board exceptionality numbers.	
	<b>5.3</b> a) Multi-Disciplinary Update b) P.D. Day Report	Sara Curtis
	<p>a) S. Curtis reported that the Multi-Disciplinary team is continuing to work with school Admin, Special Education Teachers and School based teams with the use and full implementation of the Special Education Programs portion of Power School. S. Curtis stated that all of the Individual Education Plans (IEPs) have been sent home, but the team will continue to support staff in ensuring that program goals are identified. S. Curtis also stated that the first Hot topics session was held on October 28<sup>th</sup>, which granted the opportunity to provide a consistent message of job embedded professional learning to the Administrators and Special Education staff. On November 25<sup>th</sup>, Teachers will focus on the identification process and specifications modifications provided to students.</p> <p>b) S. Curtis delivered a P.D. Day Report on behalf of M. Bianco. M. Bianco reported that as detailed in the strategic plan, strong, healthy relationships among home, school and community are foundational to ensuring a sense of safety and inclusion for all students. Through recognizing, accepting and celebrating individual strengths and uniqueness, we help to foster the conditions for learning where everyone feels a sense of belonging and success. M. Bianco stated that with this focus in mind, Board staff engaged in learning on the professional development day to help further understand how to support students with diverse abilities through the lens of Autism. The morning included a presentation on supporting diverse abilities with a focus on inclusion by Human Rights and Equity Officer, Mahejabeen Ebrahim, and was followed by a presentation from Michael McCreary, a young comedian on the Autism Spectrum, and his father Doug, who shared their personal experiences with the school system through a comedic lens.</p> <p>W. Goodman added that it was a requirement for SGDSB to provide professional learning around students with ASD and that it is work that is already being done on a day to day basis.</p>	
	<b>5.4</b> NOSP Agency Update	Erin Montelpare
	E. Montelpare introduced herself as the new Clinical Program Manager of the Children's Program. E. Montelpare stated that there have been a lot of internal staff changes, as outlined in her presentation,	

	and explained the difference between a Family Support Worker (FSW) and a Counsellor. E. Montelpare explained that NOSP is hoping to have a Centralized Intake Clinician in place December of this year, who will streamline the intake process and make connections with families and children.		
	P. Cormier asked how the NOSP services will overlap with services provided through the schools. E. Montelpare explained that the idea is to have a collaboration between all of the service providers. NOSP staff will check in with school counsellors and offer supports for children with complex needs.		
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Correspondence:</b>		<b>Host</b>
	<b>6.1</b>	None.	
<b>7.0</b>	<b>New Business:</b>		<b>Host</b>
	None.		
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Information Items:</b>		<b>Host</b>
	None.		
<b>9.0</b>	<b>Agenda Items: Next meeting Date/Time/Venue:</b>		December 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2021 at 3:00 p.m.
	Please forward any agenda items to Erik Leroux.		
<b>10.0</b>	<b>Adjournment:</b>		
	Motion to adjourn made by Jessica	3: 38p.m.	
	Motion to adjourn seconded by S. Zappitelli.		