

SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
Special Education Advisory Committee

Tuesday, October 23 @ 7:00 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>					
<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, Chair</i>			X		
BROWN, Tammy: <i>Superior Greenstone Association for Community Living Alternate</i>					X
FIGLIOMENI, Kim: <i>Best Start</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		

<u>Resource Members</u>					
<i>Attendance Mode: On-site (OS); Teleconference (TC); Videoconference (VC); Absent (A); Regrets (R)</i>		OS	TC	VC	A R
McRAE, Pinky: <i>Board Chair (Ex-Officio)</i>				X	
TAMBLYN, David: <i>Director of Education</i>				X	
PARSONS, Donald: <i>Student Support Lead</i>					X
MCGREGOR, Aaron: <i>Student Trustee</i>			X		
HAMILL, Sherry: <i>Special Education Coordinator</i>			X		
PETRICK, Nancy: <i>Superintendent of Education</i>			X		

1.0 **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

2.0 **Approval of Minutes**

Moved by: Cindy Brown

Second: Matthew Fisher

✓ ***That,*** the Minutes of June 13, 2012 be approved as presented.

3.0 **Additions to the Agenda**

D. Tamblyn has two letters to share and will be addressed in Section 5.0. As well, a video to be addressed in Section 6.0 sub-section, 6.3.

4.0 **Business Arising from the Minutes**

No new business.

5.0 Correspondence

D. Tamblyn

- 5.1 D. Tamblyn shared correspondence received from Trillium District School Board regarding cost of external testing in their Board.
- 5.2 D. Tamblyn shared correspondence received from Near North D.S.B. The content of the letter addressed F.A.S.D. (Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorder). This Board would like Ministry to examine the health curriculum and modify so that F.A.S.D. be discussed with students earlier than Grade 11. Some discussion and questions followed. D. Tamblyn to compose a support letter addressed to the Ministry from this committee.

6.0 New Business

S. Hamill

6.1 Special Education Coordinator Report

S. Hamill provided up-date on several topics regarding Special Education.

6.1.1 Premier Literacy

The Premier Literacy *At School and At Home* programs were renewed again for another year. All students are able to access the At-Home Program through www.PremierAtHome.com (Username: superior, Password: family)

6.1.2 B.M.S. Recertification Training

Melissa Bianco and Loretta Mangoff, Board trainers, provided recertification training to all our E.A.'s on the first of three P.D. days. Geraldton area was trained August 30th, Nipigon-August 31st and Marathon on September 28th. I attended the Geraldton training and found the session excellent. Both Melissa and Loretta come with a wealth of knowledge, work well together and content down-to-earth and user friendly. A major emphasis was on de-escalation of situations.

6.1.3 I.E.P.'s

Last year a group of individuals looked at different programs for writing our I.E.P.'s as there seemed to be issues with Provincial template. S. Hamill continuing to look at I.E.P. Engine software and will make a decision later on as to whether or not we will be going with this program. The Ministry revised their template over the summer and many of the issues seem to have been resolved, new features have been added, but there still are a few glitches/suggestions that are being communicated to the Ministry. Hamill would like feedback from the SERTs prior to looking more into the I.E.P. Engine.

6.1.4 SERT Meeting

A Meeting is scheduled for November 9th. Hamill advised "fortunate enough to be able to access Student Success monies to bring everyone together.

6.15 A.B.A. Funding (Applied Behaviour Analysis)

Received \$3,029.00 to be divided amongst following schools: BAPS, LSHS, NAPS, MTHS, MTPS, SCPS). This money is to support release time for staff (teacher/ E.A.'s) to work with consultants from C.C.R. (Child Care resources) and our BEC (Melissa Bianco) to program for A.S.D. students.

6.1.6 SEA (Special Equipment Amount)

Hamill advised there is \$50,000.00 in the *Per Pupil Amount* (PPA) "pot". This is for the purchase of technology and any software. Hamill has received a number of claims this year for laptops and i-Pads. Hamill also received claims for non-technology items (i.e. mobility devices, FM systems) that go through the Claims Based process. The Board pays for the first \$800. Then Ministry will pay the balance.

6.17 Special Education Audit

Hamill advised "received notification that we would be going through a Ministry audit prior to Christmas. The audit will include:

- ✓ Roles and responsibilities
- ✓ Special Education policies and procedures
- ✓ IEP's
- ✓ IPRC's
- ✓ Purchases
- ✓ Section 23 programs (which we do not have)

6.18 BeDoc

Six devices this: two in Nipigon area, two in Geraldton area and two floaters.

- 6.2 Essential for Some, Good for All – The CODE Special Education Project D. Tamblyn
D. Tamblyn travelled to Toronto to meet with other Director's of Education. He shared highlights of the meeting, see attachment. Tamblyn and Hamill will go over the report in order to come with ideas on how to help teacher's with integration.

- 6.3 Mental Health and Addictions Nurses in the District School Board D. Tamblyn
D. Tamblyn provided website address in order for committee members to watch video "*Stand Up*" produced by the Peel District School Board. This video led into this informational item. Tamblyn advised this video was shared with all staff within this Board and teacher's to show to their students. The video was also shared with Student Senate. Tamblyn would like to have teachers trained to recognize signs of difficulty students have with anger and frustration. Tamblyn has been communicating with Jennifer Turcotte, C.C.A.C.; advised S.N.C.D.S.B. will hire a nurse to begin in February , or early spring, to work with students on mental health issues. Tamblyn to approach Joy McGee, S.N.C.D.S.B. to split nurse with our board. Staff not experts in psychotherapy. Support with Addiction Nurses would be positive for our communities.

7.0 Information Items

Upcoming Professional Development Dates:

- i) October 26, 2012, focus on Numeracy, E.A.'s attending this P.D.
- ii) February 1, 2013, Report Cards
- iii) June 10, 2013, Report Cards

8.0 Agenda Items: Next Meeting Date/Time/Venue

Next meeting date is Tuesday, November 20, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

9.0 Adjournment

Moved by: Cindy Brown

Second: Matthew Fisher

✓ **That**, the SEAC Meeting be adjourned at 7:57 p.m.