



SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD Special Education Advisory Committee

September 13th, 2022 @ 3pm

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<u>Agenda</u>					
Voting Members (4/7)	OS	TC	VC	A	R
BRAKE-WELDON, Brandy: <i>Dilico (Chair)</i>				X	
ZAPPITELLI, Sheila: <i>Superior Greenstone Association for Community Living (Vice Chair)</i>			X		
SMITH, Bobby Jo: <i>North of Superior Counseling Programs (NOSP)</i>					X
CORMIER, Paul: <i>First Nation Trustee</i>			X		
MCINTYRE, Margaret: <i>Trustee</i>			X		
MANNISTO, Mark: <i>Trustee</i>				X	
MOORE, Jennifer: <i>Dilico (Alternate)</i>					
NUTTALL, Bronwyn: <i>Superior Greenstone Association for Community Living (Alternate)</i>					
MONTELPARE, Erin: <i>North of Superior Programs (Alternate)</i>				X	
NESBITT, Jason: <i>Trustee (Alternate)</i>				X	
MAJOR, Christine: <i>Trustee (Alternate)</i>				X	

Resource Members	OS	TC	VC	A	R
McRAE, Pinky: <i>Board Chair</i>					X
MORDEN CORMIER, Nicole: <i>Director of Education</i>			X		
GOODMAN, Will: <i>Superintendent of Education</i>			X		
FREDRICKSON, Eric: <i>Superintendent of Education</i>			X		
NIEMAN, Cheyanne: <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>Special Education Lead</i>			X		
LEROUX, Erik: <i>Vice-Principal, Dorion Public School</i>			X		
DUMONSKI, Candice: <i>Secretary</i>			X		

Attendance Mode: On-site (OS); Teleconference (TC); Videoconference (VC); Absent (A); Regrets (R)

Land Acknowledgement:	Erik Leroux shared a land acknowledgement
1.0 Call to Order:	At 3:02p.m. by Vice Chair, S. Zappitelli
2.0 Approval of Minutes from June 7th, 2022	
	Motion to approve minutes made by Trustee P. Cormier

	Seconded by Trustee M. McIntyre	
3.0	Additions to the Agenda:	
	Catch Up Document	W. Goodman
	<p>Superintendent W. Goodman explained that on July 25, the Ministry of Education launched a new document for the return to the 2022-2023 school year entitled “Plan to Catch Up”. SGDSB’s plan to catch up was shared with the group, with a focus of meeting our students where they are at, rather than “catching up.” Key pieces of this plan are: a regular return to school, continuation of tutor recruitment, newly developed grade 9 curriculum and continuing the de-streamed grade 9 courses as we prepare students for the jobs of tomorrow inclusive of trades, and further supports for students with mental health needs (hiring more mental health workers).</p>	
4.0	Business Arising from Minutes:	
5.0	Agenda Items:	Host
5.1	SEAC and Truth and Reconciliation	W. Goodman
	<p>Superintendent W. Goodman opened a discussion with the Committee regarding Truth and Reconciliation and how SEAC may support in this work, in service to the students it represents. He asked the Committee to reflect on several questions such as; How do we make our SEAC a committee that is working towards Truth and Reconciliation for our students? Who are the parents of our students with SPEC ED needs and are we meeting those needs? We have an over representation of First Nations students with SPEC Ed needs and are we removing barriers for these students adequately? What advocacy might we need to do as a committee?</p> <p>Director N. Morden Cormier suggested that we may look to the IEAC for ideas for advocacy. The issues and challenges that we face in the North are not always understood when policies and procedures are created. How might we as a SEAC advocate for our area in policy creation?</p> <p>Trustee P. Cormier is a member of the Indigenous Trustee Council and shared that they are currently advocating for Indigenous trustees on every school board. They meet three times a year to discuss where they would like to put their efforts in advocacy. He offered to present their strategic plan at a future SEAC meeting. He noted that their priorities are similar to that of the Northern boards, including Special Education and barriers for our students. Trustee Cormier explained that Reconciliation is about relationships and is a peace process. In our school board, it’s where students and staff can learn from each other and work toward justice. A project where we can learn, collaborate and problem solve together might be a good place to start.</p>	
5.2	Terms of Reference Review	E. Leroux
	<p>E. Leroux highlighted the duties of the SEAC committee as well as the duties of the committee members. Trustee expectations as outlined in the Terms of Reference were also discussed. The Terms of Reference can be found on the SGDSB website on the Special Education page which can be found under the Education tab. Previous SEAC minutes can be found here as well.</p>	
5.3	Agenda Items for the Year - Group Interest	E. Leroux
	<p>E. Leroux opened a discussion around we might want to learn as a group this year. Which areas and direction we might want to work towards for this coming school year?</p> <p>Superintendent W. Goodman reiterated that the learning and process of Truth and Reconciliation is a topic that should be explored. There will be a municipal election this year and we will be welcoming new trustees to our SEAC after the inaugural meeting in November as well as retiring some long-standing trustees.</p> <p>Trustee P. Cormier suggested that we might want to gain an understanding of people’s challenges. As a group, what are we challenged with? We may all be struggling with the same challenges. Collaboration among community agencies rather than competing and working together to develop solutions. As well as collaborating to develop approaches and strategies that can benefit all of us.</p>	

	<p>The Director explained that operations do not fall within this committee. Our best work is when we are collaborating around students, student achievement for example, and advocating for policy governance and funding.</p> <p>Vice-Chair S. Zappitelli suggested that she could, if there was interest, present on the Transitions Pilot Project around eliminating gaps in transitions.</p>	
6.0	Correspondence:	
		Host
7.0	New Business:	
		Host
8.0	Information Items:	
		Host
9.0	Agenda Items: Next meeting Date/Time/Venue:	
	October 11 th , 2022 at 3:00 pm	
10.0	Adjournment: 3:50 p.m.	
	Motion to adjourn made by Trustee P. Cormier	
	Motion to adjourn seconded by Trustee M. McIntyre	