



KEEWATIN-PATRICIA DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee was held via Google Meet
Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at 12:00 noon

<https://meet.google.com/tcr-bxot-amu>

Present

Evie O'Flaherty
Shirley Jette
Olivia Karl
Gerald Kleist

Debbie Michaud
Kari Couch
David Cornish

Chantal Moore
Lana Goodman
Jen Bachynski

Brenda Barradell -
recorder

Regrets

Jennifer Kitowski
Michelle Sanderson

Guest

Call to Order at

The meeting was called to order at **noon**

Welcome

Evie O'Flaherty welcomed everyone to the meeting, including our two new Trustee members: Jennifer Kitowski (who sent her regrets) and David Cornish. She thanked Darrin Head for his work over the past year.

Evie shared the sad news of the loss of an EA, Sherri Morgan in Kenora recently. She acknowledged her dedication and long service with the Board and noted that she will be dearly missed.

For the sake of the new members, she outlined the process for voting during our electronic meetings i.e. she will ask for objections/abstentions and if there are none, the motions will be declared as carried. If there is anything controversial, we would have a counted vote. She also shared that our meetings are recorded to help the recorder take accurate minutes.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: Debbie Michaud
Seconded by: Lana Goodman

THAT the agenda for the December 16, 2020 meeting be approved.
CARRIED

Approval of the Minutes

Moved by: Shirley Jette
Seconded by: Olivia Karl

THAT the minutes of the meeting on November 18, 2020 having been circulated, be confirmed .

Business Arising

CARRIED

- nothing

Presentations

- Evie O'Flaherty

Roles and Responsibilities of SEAC members
All members received a copy of the Roles and Responsibilities prior to the meeting.

Since all members have had a chance to read the handout, Evie asked for questions, comments and concerns.

Evie noted that all SEAC meetings are open to the public, but we haven't had anyone from the public attend. However, our minutes are posted on the Board's website, so they do have access.

COVID-19 School Update
- Chantal Moore

Chantal stated that since the November meeting, we have had a few positive cases in our schools: in two cases there was no exposure to the school; in one case, there was exposure and a classroom was closed as per requirements of the NWHU. However, our safety measures and protocols (Board wide and school specific) were very effective and any cases that did come up were handled very efficiently, effectively, and safely. The advisories and updates are all posted on the Board website. When we come back after the Christmas break, in January we are mandated by the Ministry to carefully review all protocols with staff and students.

Question: "When you say there was no exposure what does that mean?"
Answer: Ultimately it means that there was a case and that the Health Unit, who does the contact tracing has determined that there was no contact with others within the school setting.

Association Reports

- No reports at this meeting-

Member Reports

- No reports at this meeting

Correspondence

- Nothing

Other Business

In January, you will receive a list of the presentations for the remainder of the year.

Candice Kerkermeier will be presenting on Mental Health Programs in our school Board, in January.

Point of Information – full disclosure: Evie O’Flaherty shared that she has been appointed to the Board of Governors at Confederation College as of January 2021.

Regarding the May meeting: Traditionally the May meeting has been a face-to-face meeting held in Vermillion Bay with a presentation from the Leadership Camp there. However, this camp is no longer there. So, the Chair asked the committee to think about what they would like, if there is a possibility of a face-to-face meeting in May, in Vermillion Bay. This can be discussed at a future meeting.

Next Meeting: January 20, 2021 at 5:30 pm CST

Adjournment Moved by David Cornish that we do now adjourn.

12:17 p.m. CDT

Evie O’Flaherty, Chair