



SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee was held Face to Face on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at Lillian Berg PS, Vermilion Bay, ON.

Present	Darrin Head	Lana Goodman	Shirley Jette
	Dave Cornish	Pearl Alver	Kari Couch
	Evie O'Flaherty	Shannon Jeffers	Heather Bird
	Joan Kantola	Nerina Facca	Syrena Lalonde Terri Forster

Regrets	Michelle Sanderson	Susan Ghazali
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Call to Order at The Meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

Welcome E. O'Flaherty welcomed everyone to the meeting including all OELC students, staff and families.

Approval of the Agenda THAT the agenda of the meeting May 15, 2019 be approved

Moved by: Shirley Jette
Seconded by: Heather Bird

CARRIED

Approval of the Minutes THAT the minutes of the meeting, April 17, 2019 were reviewed and confirmed.

Moved by: Shirley Jette
Seconded by: Heather Bird

CARRIED

Business Arising None

Presentation Ontario Educational Leadership students did a live and digital presentation for the SEAC members, staff and families on their recent trip to Orillia for Leadership Camp. (6 students & parents)

Children's Mental Health in Schools Update Joan gave an update on Children's Mental Health in Schools Program:

- It is Children's Mental Health Week and there has been a celebration and events planned
- Support has been ongoing by the Rapid Response Northern Support Initiative
- Currently updating the 3-year Strategic Plan for Children's Mental Health

**Special Education
In Schools
Update**

- Syrena Lalonde did an update for Special Education in Schools
- Staff are currently following up on Dr. Stambrook's Psychological testing's and recommendations
- She noted that the SERT PD Day was great
- Staff are working with Dr. Stambrook to debrief Teacher Diagnosticians and families

**Association
Reports**

Shannon Jeffers, representing the Kenora Association for Community Living noted:

- Infant and Child Development Programs are changing the age range. Formerly it was 0-6 years now the new age range will be 0-school entry age
- There is also a new regulation that once a child is settled in with a school the District School Board is responsible to support the students and families

Lana Goodman gave a FIREFLY report.

- She noted that it is currently Physio month and Speech and Hearing month. They are working on empathy building of alterative & augmentative communication and they are asking customers in coffee shops to use some of the augmentation devices they use.

Member Reports

None

Correspondence

Two letters were reviewed from Durham Catholic DSB to the Minister of Education. Many groups are now becoming advocates for Special Education to the Government.

Other Business

It was discussed that next year we will have a Bio available on each Association/Agency with a description and role of members from within the agency.

Next Meeting:

June 19, 2019 via Video Conference 5:30 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.