



KEEWATIN-PATRICIA DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee was held via Video Conference on Wednesday, November 20, 2019.

Present

Gerald Kleist	Debbie Michaud
Dave Cornish	Lana Goodman
Evie O'Flaherty	Joan Kantola
Shirley Jette	Emily Kaldeway
Heather Bird	Kari Couch
Shannon Jeffers	

Regrets

Eric Bortlis	Susan Ghazali
Darrin Head	Michelle Sanderson
Pearl Alver	

Guests

Absent

Call to Order at

The SEAC meeting was called to order at 5:38PM.

Welcome

Evie O'Flaherty welcomed the group.

Approval of the Agenda

THAT the agenda of the meeting on November 20, 2019 be approved.

Moved By: Dave Cornish
Seconded by: Heather Bird

CARRIED

Approval of the Minutes

THAT the minutes of the meeting, November 20, 2019 were reviewed and approved with no errors or omissions. Dave Cornish asked what the amendments were on the September 18, 2019 minutes, Evie reviewed them for him. No moves for ending the October 16, 2019 meeting.

Moved By: Lana Goodman

CARRIED

Business Arising

Joan presented a loose translation of the French Board letters, the main points of the letters.

Debbie Michaud clarified that the controversy around a "FASD" diagnosis is that parents don't want this to be labelled as a "mental illness" versus a neuro-developmental disorder. Debbie sits on the FASD-ONE Provincial Committee.

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Evie has not heard any update from Mr. Daniels, who previously requested to become a member of SEAC.

Presentation

Children's Mental Health Leader Update by Candice Kerkermeier

- 2019-2020 Action Plan
- Revision of new three-year Mental Health and Addictions Strategic Plan 2020-2023
- Overview of Strategic Pillars and work being done across the board

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Reports**

Lana Goodman from Firefly

FIREFLY and CCR have developed a formal collaboration:

- FIREFLY will post for one behaviour therapist – this staff will be overseen by FIREFLY but supervision will occur off-site. CCR still has one behaviour therapist who is providing service to 4 children. The successful candidate for the FIREFLY behaviour therapist position will be to assist with service to these current 4 clients as the one clinician is not currently able to provide all the hours of therapy necessary due to the geographical distances between the clients and therapist. No additional services will be added at this time.
- FIREFLY is part of the Autism Diagnostic Hub – there are 6 partners: KCA, SLFNHA, FFTAHS, FIREFLY, KRRCFS, KACL
 - Currently, there is funding for this fiscal year only and the team is waiting to hear about future base funding. The current funding is for 24 assessment in the region. About half of these assessments have been completed and the rest should be completed before the end of February.
 - Referrals to the Autism diagnostic hub can come through FIREFLY centralized intake by anyone (with consent to do so)
 - Pathways for the clinic are still being developed

No reports from Red Lake and Sioux Lookout sites.

Correspondence

None to report this month.

Other Business

None to report this month.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, December 18, 2019 via VMR at 5:30PM

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:35PM

Motion for Adjournment by: Shannon Jeffers