



Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

11:45 a.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT: Joel McCartney, Cochrane Temiskaming Resource Centre / Chair
Kim Bordignon, Cochrane Temiskaming Children's Treatment Centre / Vice-Chair
Val Toner, Community Living Timmins (Alternate)
Sharron Pountney, North Eastern Ontario Family and Children's Services
Ellen Renaud, North Eastern Ontario Family and Children's Services
Billie Richer, VOICE for Hearing Impaired
Elizabeth King, NCDSB Trustee
Colleen Landers, NCDSB Vice-Chair
Beverley Montminy, SAT
Kim McEntee, Supervisor of Mental Health
Kylah Guillemette, Child & Youth Worker
Brittany Counter, Behaviour Specialist
Daphne Brumwell, Superintendent of Education
Katie Mundle, SAT
Catherine Hoven, Special Assignment Teacher
Jean Ethier, Education Services Officer / Recorder

EXCUSED: Mark Lionello, Canadian Mental Health Association
William (Bill) Russell, The Lord's Kitchen

1. Welcome and Prayer

Daphne Brumwell welcomed everyone and Joel McCartney led the group in prayer. Introductions were made for Ellen Renaud. She will be replacing Sharron Pountney upon her retirement.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED BY: K. Bordignon
SECONDED BY: V.Toner

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.



CARRIED.

3. Approval of Minutes

MOVED BY: K. Bordignon
SECONDED BY: V.Toner

THAT the minutes of November 28, 2018 be approved as presented.
CARRIED.

4. Presentation by Kim McEntee

Behavior Support Team

The 3 main topics were:

ABA Capacity Building

Currently working with Kim Morris to develop a plan

- Pope Francis K-1 will be the focus for the Early Years Project, provide in the moment coaching. The program is support by The Northern Support Initiative
- Stephan Beaulne is proposed to visit 4 times per year
- Proactive measures to provide positive reinforcement

Behavior Support Team

Skill streaming material is available to all CYW's

- 29 Learners on active support list
- 12 whole class approach
- 35 learners on ASD support list

Goals

- Reach out to parents not currently receiving services; Kapuskasing students are the greatest concern as the wait time is 18 to 30 months for an assessment
- Goal is to have everyone on the same page, instead of having multiple strategies at the same time

5. Special Education Data

Daphne presented the Special Education Data from the October 31st ONSIS report. The information indicates that we have had a drop in the number of formally identified students since last year by 25 students. The majority of these were students with an LD or with a Mild Intellectual disability. We have seen an increase in the number of students with autism (from 19 in March to 24 in October). St. Patrick School in Kapuskasing has the highest ASD population with Pope Francis being a close second. We are also seeing a significant increase in the number of students with a non-identified IEP (from 121 in March to 160 in October). The number of identified students in each school has remained fairly consistent with the largest number being at OHS, OICS and Sacred Heart in Kirkland Lake. BBS, St. Joseph and St. Anne continue to have some of the lowest populations of formally identified students.

6. Special Education Plan

As required, amendments to the Special Education Plan were submitted to the Ministry in July. The Plan is posted on our website. Daphne Brumwell and Catherine Hoven will plan for the action items over the course of the school year.

7. Agency Reports

NEOFACS advised of the January Emotion Focus Program being offered via Facebook and the NEOFACS website. The focus of the program will be children in the middle, anxiety groups ages 8-12. The program will be offered 2 to 3 times a year with a walk in option at O’Gorman High School. Any referrals received for Autism go through the HANDS program. Autism support to parents remain in place

Updated provided from Joel McCartney, Cochrane Temiskaming Resource Centre. The CTRC professional resource team will be running its 4th clinic in less than a year this January. Case management, speech and language and psychological services will be provided. CTRC will have more frequent availability and contact with coastal communities and can be more involved with school such as Bishop Belleau in Moosonee if needed. At minimum CTRC plans to be in each coastal community twice a year to offer clinical and case management services for people with developmental disability.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 30 at 11:45 a.m. at Northeastern Catholic District School Board or via videoconference. The members will tour Pope Francis Elementary School prior to the meeting.

9. Other Business - Nil

10. Adjournment

MOVED BY: V. Toner
THAT the meeting be adjourned at 1:05 p.m.
CARRIED.