

Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 29, 2020

11:45 p.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT: Joel McCartney, Cochrane Temiskaming Resource Centre / Chair
Kim Bordignon, Cochrane Temiskaming Children's Treatment Centre / Vice-Chair
Mackenzie Carrier, Community Living Timmins
Ron McInnis, NCDSB Trustee
Ellen Renaud, North Eastern Ontario Family and Children's Services
Stan Skalecki, NCDSB Trustee
Heather Demers, The Lord's Kitchen
Daphne Brumwell, Superintendent of Education
Jennifer Dunkley, Superintendent of Education
Kim McEntee, Supervisor of Mental Health
Catherine Hoven, Special Assignment Teacher
Katie Mundle, Special Assignment Teacher
Jean Ethier, Education Services Officer / Recorder

EXCUSED: Mark Lionello, Canadian Mental Health Association
Billie Richer, VOICE for Hearing Impaired

1. Welcome and Prayer

Daphne Brumwell welcomed everyone and led the group in prayer.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED BY: M.Carrier

SECONDED BY: E.Renaud

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

3. Approval of Minutes

MOVED BY: M. Carrier

SECONDED BY: K. Bordignon

THAT the minutes of December 18, 2019 be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

4. Mental Health Steering Committee

As part of its provincial obligations and commitments, NCDSB creates and implements a 3-year Mental Health and Addiction (MHA) Strategy, along with yearly-annualized goals. Our focus is on promotion and prevention efforts across all levels. Jen Dunkley and Kim McEntee (Mental Health Lead) are proposing two meetings per year within NCDSB's existing SEAC committee meetings schedule for updates on NCDSB's strategy focus as well as gain SEAC partner input and feedback. We are working hard to align many portfolios and initiatives, and SEAC seems like a natural platform given the overlap between mental health and special education. This will also help us to ensure we meet provincial requirements and to continue to make connections with our community partners.

Meetings are being requested twice annually, once in Oct and once in May.

Kim Bordignon opened the motion process to integrate the Mental Health Steering Committee.

Motion

MOVED BY: J. McCartney

SECONDED BY: S. Skalecki

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the members of Northeastern Catholic District School Board's Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) will allow the Mental Health Steering Committee to integrate into the agenda twice per year for the 2019-2020 school year.

CARRIED.

5. Brigance K-1 Screen

The Brigance is an early-learning screening tool that we use with our Kindergarten and Grade 1 students. The assessment takes 15-20 minutes to administer and helps to identify children that may have a cognitive delay, or who are gifted. Resource Teachers complete this assessment.

The Brigance assesses 4 areas:

1. **Physical Development**
2. **Language Development**
3. **Literacy Development**
4. **Mathematics Development**

The child receives a score out of 100. A chart is used to compare the child's exact age to a cut-off score. The child will either score above or below the cut-off.

The results are shared with parents and with the classroom teachers and ECEs. Classroom teams use this data to plan classroom-based intervention. Binders (with English and French Resources) have been shared with schools, with activities to support all areas of the Brigance. The results from the Brigance may also lead to specific referrals such as Speech, OT and PT.

Because of current job action, we do not have results submitted from all schools (missing Pope Francis, St. Anne's, Kap and BBS). These results will be entered when RTs are able to input data into school systems.

Cut off Scores:

5 years- 5 years 5 months = 61/100

5 years 6 months - 5 years 11 months = 70/100

6 years - 6 years 5 months – 68/100

6 years 6 months + - 86/100

Current Kindergarten Data (not complete):

77% of students scored above the cut-off, with 23% scoring below.

Current Grade 1 Data (not complete):

47% of children scored above the cut-off, with 53% of children scoring below.

6. Agency Reports

NEOFACS

A program offered is Advanced Caregiving for Prevention Parenting & Mental Health Series in the Timmins area. The program begins on February 20, 2020 and includes 4 sessions. The focus of the program is

- Understand why you end up in negative patterns of relating to your child
- Avoid common parenting traps
- Manage your own emotional reactions i.e. anger, guilt and resentment
- Overall, improve your relationship with your child

NEOFACS is currently running a free program, Triple P 0-12 Years program in the Timmins area. The Power of Positive Parenting. The program is open to parents and caregivers.

- The Triple P Parenting Group is an interactivity and peer support group. The weekly program will begin on Wednesday February 19 to March 11, 2020.

Catherine Hoven has emailed out the flyers to the Resource Teachers in the Timmins area.

****flyers attached****

The Lords Kitchen

Since the inception of the Breakfast program 11 months ago, there has been 48 breakfast services. Over the course of those services there has been 3487 individuals and 4986 plates served. There is an average of 73 people per week utilizing the program. Volunteers are always needed and welcome.

7. **Date of Next Meeting**

February 26, 2020

8. **Adjournment**

MOVED BY: K. Bordignon
THAT the meeting be adjourned at 1:00 p.m.
CARRIED.