



TRILLIUM LAKELANDS DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE Minutes

Date: Tuesday, June 7, 2016
Time: 5pm
Location: Dinner Meeting at HCEC

Members Present: S. Binstock, A. Brown, R. McHugh, D. Morrison
Regrets: J. Balfour, L. Burgess, D. Callan, A. Gordon, J. Read
Staff Present: J. Andreasen, J. Johnston, K. MacIver

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved by R. McHugh, seconded by D. Morrison
That the agenda be approved as amended
Carried.

2. Approval of Minutes of May 3, 2016

Without quorum; the minutes from the May 3, 2016 SEAC meeting were received without revision.

3. Updates & Projects

- L4A Book Study & Review- Pages 51-59
 - Planning for student transitions
 - Transitions in TLDSB:
 - High Needs Entry
 - IEP Database- transition plans
 - Community Partnerships/ Case Conferences/ Integrated Transition Planning
 - Incorporating strengths and needs assessments into curriculum
 - Educator Support Guide for Transition Planning developed by the Barrie Region
 - Learning for All Funding
 - Transitions from grade 8 to 9- use of SEA Equipment
 - 'Triple Threat'
 - Knowledge of learners
 - Knowledge of the subject
 - Knowledge of how to teach
 - Learning for All
 - Belief Statements- TLDSB aligning with strategic plan

- Special Education Plan Checklist
 - Based on Standards for Special Education Plans developed in 2000
 - Confirms that we annually review our Special Education Plan
 - Per query to Ministry- if info already available in Policy or Procedure provide link (no repeats required)
 - This year main revision- Parent Guide to Special Education
 - Proposal for 2016/2017: review plan sections with vision of building in links- reader friendly
 - Checklist to be complete and submitted to Ministry by July 2016

4. Department & System Updates

Superintendent Katherine MacIver shared the following updates with SEAC:

- Renewed Math Strategy (RMS)
 - Recently launched by Province of Ontario
 - Renewed vision how to approach math learning
 - Strategy = math K-12 + technology + special education learning
 - Focus on students identified with Learning Disabilities
 - Supports/ funding based on needs – tiered interventions
 - Focus on IEP improvement/ LD student; will assist with strategies and programming support for all students
- Provincial Teleconference re: Autism Funding & Services in Ontario
 - Ministry of Education + Boards discussed how can education system supports students
 - New Autism Strategy will affect board enrolment- students not enrolled in schools (on waitlists) + students on IBI may now be coming to school full time
 - Reviewing options for transitions- training for teachers, funding for students, continuation of School Support Programming (SSP) with Community Partners

District Principal Jennifer Johnston shared the following with SEAC:

- Parent Guide for Special Education
 - Working with Jamie Read, Autism Ontario to review language
- Annual Evening of Excellence
 - May 18, 2016
 - 2 TLDSB SSACs received Character Awards
 - SERT + EA both earned Impact Award for their work with Students with Special Needs

- EA Allocations
 - Principals received EA Allocations on May 27, 2016
 - Sharing allocations early assists with scheduling and planning
 - EA Allocation numbers remained stable
 - Redistribution of numbers based on needs
 - EA Placement meeting will be an electronic process this year
- Assistive Technology Evening
 - Parents/ Community Members
 - Hosted at LFPS in May
 - Share information with parents/ community partners re: ipads, laptops and software
 - Will be hosting similar evenings in other areas of the board in 2016/2017

5. Presentation: SEAC Input into 2016-2017 Budget (Superintendent MacIver)

- Superintendent MacIver shared the following overview in relation to the draft budget for 2016-2017:
 - Few changes between 2015/16 to 2016/17
 - Enrolment projections have remained static
 - Slight increase in SEA funding; based on GSN
 - Additional funding for special projects approved by Trustees via Surplus Managements funds (Assistive Technology training, targeted intervention training re: student behaviour, CaPS, Special Needs Strategy support etc.)
- Superintendent MacIver shared an overview of the Special Education staffing for 2016-2017
- Comments and questions were welcomed from the Committee
- Without quorum: SEAC was provided opportunity to provide input to budget (via presence at the SEAC meeting and via email input)

6. Association and Community News

- Andrea Brown, Community Member Representative shared on behalf of Community Living South Muskoka:
 - Tuesday, June 14, 2016 from 11am-1pm at Morrison Meadows (1177 Fraserberg Road) Community Living South Muskoka is hosting the grand opening of the accessible playground

7. Items for Discussion

- *Submission of mileage/ expense forms for 2015-2016*
 - *SEAC members were asked to submit claims*
- *SEAC Letter to MOE re: Funding*
 - *Deferred to future SEAC meeting*

8. Correspondence and Announcements

- None

9. Future Business

DATE	FORMAT	UPDATES/ FOR REVIEW	PRESENTATION
2016			
September 6, 2016	Teleconference	Planning for presentations/ SEAC focus for 2016-2017	
Future Business		Parent & Student Input surveys Specialized Equipment for Learning Policy and Procedure Review	CaPS MMA/ Young Warriors

10. Next Meeting

Tuesday, September 6, 2016
5pm – Teleconference

11. Adjournment

Without quorum: the meeting was adjourned by consensus