



**TRILLIUM LAKELANDS DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes**

Date: Tuesday, September 6, 2016
Time: 5pm
Location: Teleconference

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

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved by S. Binstock, seconded by D. Morrison
That the agenda be approved as presented
Carried.

2. Approval of Minutes of June 7, 2016

Moved by D. Morrison, Seconded by S. Binstock
That minutes from the June 7, 2016 SEAC meeting approved as presented
Carried.

3. Department and System Updates

Superintendent Katherine MacIver shared the following updates with SEAC:

- New Strategic Plan- Embrace Learning; passed by Board of Trustees
- Planning underway for Specialized Services Department for 2016-2017 with a focus on:
 - IEP Development
 - Broadening understanding of Learning Disabilities via the new Math Strategy
 - Continue with EA Professional Learning around behavior response and intervention
 - Exploration and development of parent survey re: Special Needs in TLDSB - engaging parents as partners

District Principal Jennifer Johnston shared the following with SEAC:

- Staffing changes in the Department of Specialized Services:
 - Trudi MacKinnon moved from Behavior Consultant role to VP at HPS; Jason Prichard has been hired as the new Special Education Consultant with a focus on behavior
 - The SSAC who used to cover the Haliburton schools has resigned; Nicole Mee has been hired as the new SSAC in the Haliburton Area. Nicole is familiar with TLDSB as her previous position was with Point in Time, one of our Community Partners
 - There is currently a short-term vacancy for SSAC role in CKL; we are in the midst of hiring a temporary replacement
 - In the spring there was a Temp Psychoeducational Consultant opening- Rob Jagosky (who is an SSAC with TLDSB but also has psych qualifications) is filling Psychoeducational Consultant position and Eva Watson will be filling Rob's SSAC role, supporting the Huntsville Schools
- There was a full department meeting on September 1, 2016; the department Administration Team took the opportunity to outline 2016-2017 department directions and key initiatives with staff
- The Special Education Equipment for Learning Policy and Procedure was updated last spring. District Principal Johnston will review changes with SEAC at a future meeting

4. *Planning Discussion*

Presentation Topic Schedule for 2016-2017

- Embrace Learning –October 2016
- CaPS
- Integra Young Warriors
- EA Training (working with students with behaviour challenges)
- Specialized Equipment for Learning Procedure- November 2016
- Transitions from high school (connect Amber Gordon & Andrea Brown – Clinical & Community Supports + TLDSB Consultant Sharon Mortimer)

SEAC Project Plan for 2016-2017

- Parent & Student Special Education Input Surveys
- Review of Special Education Plan
 - Sections 4 & 8- full SEAC Review
 - Sections 15 & 17- review proposed changes
- Letter to Ministry of Education re: Funding – October 2016

Updates from 2015-2016 Projects

- Brochure Completion-in graphic design stages; to be completed in September 2016
- Parent Guide to Special Education- Completed and to be uploaded this week
- Videos will be in development in the near future with the Communications Department

5. Association and Community News

Leslie Burgess from Tourette Canada Muskoka Chapter shared:

- The local chapter meetings for 2016-2017 will be held every 2nd Tuesday at MFPS from 6pm-7:30pm; the meetings are open attendance for anyone interested. The first meeting is on Tuesday, September 13, 2016
- There are two certified presenters as part of the group that schools can access if they would like to have a presentation about Tourette Syndrome

Andrea Brown, Community Member, shared on behalf of Community Living South Muskoka:

- The annual Fall Festival is occurring from September 22-25 @ Morrison Meadows

6. Items for Discussion

- SEAC Letter to MOE re: Funding - Deferred to future SEAC meeting

7. Correspondence

- cc letter to Ministry of Education from LDSB re: funding
 - Correspondence was accepted for information

8. Future Business

- See item 4; schedule to be prepared

9. Next Meeting

Tuesday, October 4, 2016

5pm – Face to Face Dinner Meeting @ HCEC

10. Adjournment

Moved by D. Morrison, Seconded by L. Burgess

That the meeting be adjourned

Carried