



Special
Education
Advisory
Committee



COMMISSION SCOLAIRE SIR-WILFRID-LAURIER
SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF THE
Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting
Monday, May 28th, 2012 at 19 h 30
ESD/CSD Boardroom - 239, montée Lesage, Rosemère, QC

Present: *Adelina Lepanto, Sylvie Battisti, Kimberly Leclerc, Adèle Leeming, Pamala Crompton, Janet Sallie, Melanie Parkinson
Brian Benoit, Jack Fitch (for Ghyslaine Massé), Carolyn Curiale, Pat Gilmour*

Resigned: *Elia Russo, Rosanne Petardi, Amanda Wood*

Absent with regrets: *Pamela Feres, Ellen Dennick, Sonia Busnardo, Sebastien Joly, Peter MacLaurin, Deb Kellman, Rodica Teleman*

AGENDA TOPIC	DISCUSSION	Remarks and Actions To be Taken
Welcoming remarks	<i>The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m.</i>	
1.0 Additions and approval of the Agenda	<i>The agenda was approved.</i>	<i>Moved by: Pamala Crompton Seconded by: Adele Leeming Carried unanimously</i>
2.0 Approval of minutes of meeting held April 30th, 2012	<i>The minutes were approved with the change in 6.0 "Brian Benoit expressed concern that some students arrive in high school unprepared because their needs were not validated in elementary school therefore they do not come in with a validated code". Janet Sallie asked if there was a way that the northern schools be more included when workshops are held. Jack Fitch suggested that video technology would be a way for these schools to be included.</i>	<i>Moved by: Adele Leeming Seconded by: Kimberly Leclerc Carried on the following division: 4 For 4 Abstentions</i>
3.0 Question Period for the Public	<i>No questions at this time.</i>	
4.0 Chairperson's Report	<i>Adelina Lepanto would like SEAC members to declare their support for the "I Right the Wrong" on the web site.</i>	<i>Discussion regarding cuts to the school board budget and the impact this will have.</i>
5.0 New Business		
5.1 Conference November 2012	<i>Mr. Greschner spoke on the success of the spring conference and the positive response to the mental health theme and asked members if they think the November conference should be "Part 2" of the same</i>	<i>Discussion on how to set up the sessions in order to to use video technology to include the northern schools.</i>

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	<i>theme.</i>	<i>Mr. Greschner suggested forming a sub committee to discuss the November conference. Kimberly Leclerc, Sylvie Battisti, Melanie Parkinson, and Adelina Lepanto volunteered to take part in the committee. Ghyslaine Masse and Pamela Feres will be asked if they wish to participate.</i>
5.2 Autism Webinars-May 31	<i>Mr. Greschner will moderate the Webinar from LEARN on May 31st at 7:00 p.m.. He reminded members that the webinars are very accessible and last about one hour which includes a question period.</i>	<i>Pamala Cripton took part in a previous webinar and found it very informative.</i>
<p data-bbox="205 643 680 699">Overview of role of SEAC members for new members</p> <p data-bbox="138 995 180 1019">5.3</p> <p data-bbox="205 1255 422 1279">5.4 SNAC Workshop</p> <p data-bbox="205 1352 548 1377">5.5 Commissioner Participation</p>	<p data-bbox="751 545 1535 667"><i>Pamala Cripton spoke on the confusion over the role of SEAC members. She has written a letter to Marie Claude Drouin expressing her concerns that members have not been included in the budget decision making process or the school board's strategic plan.</i></p> <p data-bbox="751 1157 1451 1214"><i>Pamala Cripton spoke on the SNAC seminar held on May 23rd, "Advocating for your child in the school system".</i></p> <p data-bbox="751 1255 1535 1344"><i>Carolyn Curiale announced that she will most likely not return to sit on the SEAC committee next year. Mr. Greschner thanked Mrs. Curiale for her years of participation and hopes she will reconsider her decision.</i></p> <p data-bbox="751 1385 1524 1474"><i>Brian Benoit motioned that he would like to acknowledge Mrs. Curiale's invaluable contributions and support, dedication and commitment to the various stakeholders of not only special needs but</i></p>	<p data-bbox="1564 545 2066 1089"><i>Mr. Greschner responded that the budget is determined by a formula based on the number of coded students. Mr. Greschner explained that SWL spends more on special needs students than they receive in funding. Budget parameters are being received very late which makes it difficult to consult with members. Carolyn Curiale agreed that SEAC members should have been included in the focus session for the the strategic plan. Adelina Lepanto responded that she did take part in the strategic plan discussions. Adelina Lepanto and Pamala Cripton will write a letter to the council of commissioners stating their concerns. Members agreed that they would like to add a meeting in June for next year.</i></p>

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	<p><i>all students of our school board.</i></p> <p><i>Seconded by: Kimberly Leclerc</i> <i>Carried Unanimously</i></p>	
<p>6.0 Complementary Services Report</p>	<p><i>Mr. Greschner informed members that Stephanie Krenn has been appointed principal of St. Paul's Elementary School and will be missed by everyone at Complimentary Services.</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Greschner also spoke on the ISM feature of GRICS which is an electronic version of an IEP.</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Greschner will find out if it is possible for SEAC to distribute the 'Handbook for Parents of Children With Special Needs from QFPC.</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Greschner spoke on a seminar he attended by Dr. Regalena Melrose. She has written a book entitled "Why Students Underachieve".</i></p>	<p><i>St. Adele and Joliette High School volunteered to test the new electronic IEP feature.</i></p>
<p>7.0 Financial Report (Attached)</p>	<p><i>As presented.</i></p>	
<p>8.0 Parents' Committee Report</p>	<p><i>To be handed in in September.</i></p>	
<p>9.0 Question Period for the Public</p>	<p><i>No questions at this time.</i></p>	
<p>10.0 Next meeting</p>	<p><i>The next meeting will be held on September 24 ,2012</i></p>	
<p>11.0 Adjournment</p>	<p><i>The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m.</i></p>	

Respectfully submitted by: Pat Gilmour