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

MINUTES OF THE  
**Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting**  
 Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 19 h 30  
 ESD/CSD Boardroom - 239, montée Lesage, Rosemère, QC

**Present:** *Adelina Lepanto, Sylvie Battisti, Adèle Leeming,, Pamala Cipton, Janet Sallie, Brian Benoit, Georgina Ricard, , Ghyslaine Massé, Carolyn Curiale, Pamela Feres*

**Resigned:** *Elia Russo*

**Absent with regrets:** *Kimberly Leclerc, Ellen Dennick, Dena Chronopoulos, Peter MacLaurin, Sébastien Joly, Amanda Wood, Rosanne Petardi*

**Visitor:** *Melanie Parkinson*

AGENDA TOPIC	DISCUSSION	Remarks and Actions To be Taken
Welcoming remarks	<i>The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.</i>	
<b>1.0</b> Additions and approval of the Agenda	<i>Agenda approved</i>	<i>Moved by: Sylvie Battisti Seconded by: Adele Leeming</i>
<b>2.0</b> Approval of minutes of meeting held October 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2011	<i>Minutes approved with the addition of 4.1 'organize a forum to discuss services' and 6.7 to make a point of informing new members that the SEAC dates are set as the last Monday of each month.</i>	<i>Moved by: Sylvie Battisti Seconded by: Brian Benoit</i>
<b>3.0</b> Question Period for the Public	<i>No questions at this time</i>	
<b>4.0</b> Chairperson's Report		
4.1 SEAC Membership Chart 2011-2012	<i>Review of the list of SEAC parent members and alternate members.</i>	<i>S. Battisti requested that the name of the school each parent's child attends be included on the list.</i>
<b>5.0</b> New Business		
5.1 Fall Workshop November 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2011	<i>Mr. Greschner reported that, at the present time, about 50 parents are signed up for the workshop which will be animated by Dorothy Notkin and that all is ready at Rosemere High School.</i>	<i>Mr. Greschner also asked for a few volunteers to greet parents.</i>
5.2 Autism Project Update	<i>Mr. Greschner reported that the cost of the speakers of the November 30<sup>th</sup> workshop will be covered by the Autism project. A CPI training will be offered to specialists at the school board by the certified instructors from</i>	<i>Webinars (through Giant Steps) will hopefully begin in the new year.</i>

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	<i>Giant Steps on November 30<sup>th</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup>. The specialists will then, in future, be able to train staff members from each school. A. Lepanto and S. Battisti asked which staff members would receive the training and wondered if the training would extend to lunch supervisors and bus drivers.</i>	
5.3 NPI Laval Community Portrait Report	<i>Funding was given to hire a coordinator to organize a Network Partnership Initiative. Luigi Morabito was hired as coordinator to study accessibility to English services in Laval. A two day forum was held to get a portrait of the English speaking community in Laval. C. Curiale spoke on the feeling of frustration present at the table on accessibility to English mental health services in Laval. Discussion regarding the fact that many Anglophones in Laval go directly to Montreal based institutions such as the Jewish General or Douglas Hospitals rather than request English services in Laval.</i>	<i>S. Battisti reported that an English web site will be created and that information will be sent out, in English, to every household in Laval. Mr. Greschner reported that there will be a follow up to the discussions.</i>
5.4 ATS Series 2011-2012	<i>Mr. Greschner spoke on the interesting workshops held on pedagogical days for support staff.</i>	<i>B. Benoit would like the school board to request more services from the Centre of Excellence.</i>
5.5 Pilot Projects: Oralys & Fun Friends	<i>Several schools are taking part in this pilot project and things are going well. Oralys &amp; Fun Friends, offered through the NPI Laval was offered in Morin Heights Elementary last year and was very helpful to special needs students receiving resource help. Georgina Ricard spoke on the project and how successful it is in a resource setting.</i>	
5.6 Measles Vaccination Campaign	<i>The vaccination campaign will begin shortly in high schools and, afterwards, in elementary schools. The vaccine will also be offered to staff members.</i>	
6.0 Complementary Services Report	<i>Mr. Greschner explained how students with special needs are validated with the Ministry in order to receive funding for them. S. Battisti asked if there will be some changes made to how students are coded. Mr. Greschner replied that there are no changes planned at present. Mr. Greschner praised the work done by the crisis/grief team in times of need.</i>	
7.0 Financial Report (Attached)	<i>As presented</i>	
8.0 Parents' Committee Report	<i>No report at this time</i>	<i>Adelina Lepanto will ask parents if they would be interested in attending the meetings on a rotating basis.</i>
9.0 Question Period for the Public	<i>Melanie Parkinson asked if the parent's committee is open to all parents</i>	

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10.0 Next meeting	<i>January 30, 2012</i>	
11.0 Adjournment	<i>The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Moved by: Ghyslaine Masse Seconded by: Adelina Lepanto</i>

Respectfully submitted by: Pat Gilmour