



## Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

11:45 a.m.

### MINUTES

**PRESENT:** Joel McCartney, Cochrane Temiskaming Resource Centre / Chair  
Kim Bordignon, Cochrane Temiskaming Children's Treatment Centre / Vice-Chair  
Val Toner, Community Living Timmins  
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#### 1. Welcome and Prayer

Joel McCartney welcomed everyone and led the group in prayer.

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED BY: E. King  
SECONDED BY: C. Landers

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.  
CARRIED.

3. **Approval of Minutes**

MOVED BY: C. Landers  
SECONDED BY: B. Russell

THAT the minutes of September 27, 2017 be approved as presented.  
CARRIED.

4. **Summary of Parent Survey Results**

Catherine Hoven reported that 730 postcards were sent home to parents whose children from Kindergarten to Grade 12 are receiving special education services. 92 parents completed the survey created in survey monkey. Catherine provided a brief overview of the results. Most parents are satisfied with the type of educational support that their children receive at school.

5. **Special Equipment Amount Update**

The Special Equipment Amount (SEA) allocation is made up of two components: SEA per-pupil amount and a SEA claims-based amount. The allocation received for the per-pupil amount

application is an excellent tool to help students make their thinking more visible. This continues to be an area of focus for our board.

8. **Autism Spectrum Disorder Pilot**

In the Spring we were asked if we would be interested in an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Pilot that the Ministry of Education was going to be undertaking in the 2017-2018 school year. In the beginning, this pilot involved training Educational Assistants in a 40 hour Geneva Center course on ABA (Applied Behaviour Analysis). We are still waiting to see the Transfer Payment Agreement so that we can confirm the number of spaces we have for this training. We are anticipating at least 15 spots. Funds will be provided to the board to release the EAs to engage in this training, as well as to provide 3 days of additional learning directed by the group and led

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8:30 p.m. Her expertise is in the development of young minds and she is recognized internationally as an advocate for children's issues. Val Toner encouraged the members to contact Cathy Courville to register for the seminar. It was later confirmed that the presentation is being postponed to after Christmas due to low enrolment and Halloween. The rescheduled date will be shared once determined.

VOICE for Hearing Impaired will hold a conference in Toronto on May 4-5, 2018. Billie Richer mentioned that expenses could be covered by parent engagement funds.

12. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at 11:45 a.m. at the Northeastern Catholic District School Board or via videoconference.

13. **Other Business** - Nil

14. **Adjournment**

MOVED BY: K. Bordignon  
THAT the meeting be adjourned at 1:05 p.m.  
CARRIED.