



Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 31, 2018
11:45 am.

3. Approval of Minutes

MOVED BY: G. Lemieux
SECONDED BY: V. Toner

THAT the

6. School Year Calendar Consultation

The draft School Year Calendar was shared with the committee. Members were encouraged to submit feedback through the board website <https://www.ncdsb.on.ca/calendarreview.php>

7. Update on Psychological Services

15 students have been assessed to date: 6 in the South, 7 in Kirkland Lake and 2 in Timmins. Catherine Hoven will assess 30 to 35 students across the board including students of Gorman Intermediate Catholic School in February, Pope Francis Elementary School and St. Joseph School in March, Aileen Wright English Catholic School and St. Anne English Catholic School in May, and then Bishop Belleau School in Moosonee. The Board's contracted psychologist, Dr. Boniferro is

It has been a busy month for North Eastern Ontario Family and Children's Services. Sharron Pountney stated that there were many crisis situations from schools. An online coping parent group has been formed which allows parents to talk openly online with other parents and helps them to recognize children's emotions and validate their emotions. The Triple P- Positive Parenting Program is one of the world's most effective parenting programs developed by a doctor. Triple P is designed to give parents the skills they need to raise confident, healthy children and to handle any parenting situation. Sharron also mentioned that there hasn't been a big response received from the changes of the Child Welfare Act for 16 and 17 year olds who can access services.

Community Living Timmins is changing its focus on children services. Initially, there were one on-one meetings or one-on-two meetings but the agency is moving away from that to a more consulting role. Two individuals, Kathy Courville and Lisa Lamarche, are working as consultants and are sharing their knowledge and strategies with early childhood educators. They have been in touch with child care centres and before and after school programs. They were well received up North, in Moosonee and in Hearst. Val Toner will provide more information in February or March.

Cochrane Temiskaming Resource Centre is advertising for a full contract psychometrist position. The agency needs to respond to a growing demand this year. There is also confirmation of a ministry investment in case management services. Joel McCartney reported that there is a backlog on responses and intakes as the list is rising. STRO is looking for 2.5 community support workers to provide a comprehensive delivery of Community Support Services throughout the District of Cochrane and Temiskaming.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at 10:45 a.m. at the Northeastern Catholic District School Board or via video conference.

11. Other Business- Nil

12. Adjournment

MOVED BY: V. Toner
THAT the meeting be adjourned at 1:00 p.m.
CARRIED.