



## Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 28, 2018

11:45 am.

### MINUTES

PRESENT: Kim Bordignon, Cochrane Temiskaming Children's Treatment Centre / ~~Chair~~  
Val Toner, Community Living Timmins  
Billie Richer, VOICE for Hearing Impaired  
Colleen Landers, NCDSB ~~Chair~~  
Elizabeth King, NCDSB Trustee  
Daphne Brumwell, Superintendent of Education  
Catherine Hoven, Special Assignment Teacher  
Judy Piché, Education Services ~~Officer~~ / Recorder

EXCUSED: Joel McCartney, Cochrane Temiskaming Resource Centre / Chair  
Mark Lionello, Canadian Mental Health Association  
Sharron Pountney, North Eastern Ontario Family and Children's Services  
William (Bill) Russell, The Lord's Kitchen

GUEST: Erica Raymond, NCDSB Early Years Lead

MOVED BY: V. Toner

SECONDED BY: E. King

THAT the agenda be approved as amended  
CARRIED.

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to which we are meeting the Ministry and board expectations for IEPs. Results of this audit will be shared with SEAC in May, as well as included in the annual NCDSB Special Education Plan.

#### 7. Special Equipment Amount Technology

Last year, NCDSB decided to provide those students who had an iPad with the opportunity to also have a Chromebook. Daphne Brumwell explained that we were hearing from some teachers that with the rest of kids using Chromebooks, Special Equipment Amount (SEA) students were feeling different given they had a different tool. Schools had the choice of either keeping both the iPad and Chromebook for SEA students, or turning in the iPad in exchange for a Chromebook. Though we had significant reservations about this as we knew that many of the applications available to students on the iPad were not available on the Chromebook, we chose to move forward with the request. We are monitoring the situation closely. Recently, it has come to our attention that some of the scanning we need to do so students can use Google Read has been more difficult with the Chromebooks. We are currently working through this with our ICT department. Those iPads that were purchased for students have remained in the schools and are available for use with resource teachers and classroom teachers.

#### 8. Regional Parents Reaching Out Grant

Daphne led the group in a discussion regarding the possibility of applying for a regional Parents Reaching Out (PRO) grant. PRO Grants are designed to support parents in identifying barriers to parent engagement in their own community and to find local solutions to involve more parents in support of student achievement, human rights and equity, and well-being. The members were asked to come up with a project idea and share it with everyone at the April meeting. Grant applications for a maximum of \$30,000 are open until June 5, 2018.

A brief discussion was held regarding the special education funding. The Board's Manager of Finance, Erika Adam, will be invited to a future meeting to explain the funding.

#### 9. Agency Reports

12. Adjournment

MOVED BY: E. King

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

CARRIED.