

SEAO Meeting
(Special Education Advisory Committee)

Wednesday, September 22 2016
11:45 am.
Catholic Education Centre

MINUTES

PRESENT: Joel McCartney, Cochrane Temiskaming Resource Centre
Kim Bordignon, Children's Treatment Centre
William (Bill) Russell, The Lord's Kitchen
Billie Richer, VOICE for Hearing Impaired
Elizabeth King, NCDSB Trustee
Fred Salvador, NCDSB Trustee
Tricia Stefanic Wetz, Superintendent of Education
Catherine Hoven, Special Assignment Teacher
Judy Piché, Education Services Officer/ Recorder

EXCUSED: Mark Lionello, Canadian Mental Health Association
Val Toner, Community Living Timmins
Kay Gaffney, North Eastern Ontario Family and Children's Services
Natalie Parnell, Timmins Family Counselling Centre
Daphne Brumwell, Superintendent of Education

1. Welcome and Prayer

Superintendent of Education Tricia Stefanic Wetz welcomed everyone and led the group in prayer.

2. Approval of Agenda

system within the next couple of years. We are currently exploring a number of options in an effort to expand the services provided to our students. More information to come on this next month.

10. Professional Learning Plan for 2016-17

The professional learning plan for support staff was shared with the members.

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11. Special Education Report

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

12. SEAC Learning Website

The members were provided with the new link to the SEAC Learning website <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/general/elemsec/speced/seac/> It offers good information on the role and responsibilities of SEAC members. More information on the role of the child worker was requested and will be discussed at a future meeting.

13. Agency Reports

Kim Bordignon stated that the Children's Treatment Centre has hired two new speech and language therapists: Rachel Pessah and Marie Boucher.

Joel McCartney informed the members that the Chabrone Temiskaming Resource Centre is looking to replace a psychometrist who is on a maternity leave. He also mentioned that the referral waiting list is approaching 70 children and adults with developmental disabilities, they usually have around 30 to 40. This is a trend across the province and maybe the continent. There is a noticeable increase in children with special needs. The Ombudsman has received a record number of complaints. One big problem happening now is when children turn 18 years old, their services are cancelled and they must go to a different ministry.

16. Adjournment

MOVED BY: B.Richer

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

CARRIED.