

Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 23, 2019
11:45 pm.

4. Elections

Election of Chair

Daphne Brumwell opened the nomination process. Kim Bordignon nominated Joel McCartney as Chair of SEAC. Mackenzie Carrier seconded the nomination. Joel accepted the nomination. Joel McCartney nominated Kim Bordignon as Chair of SEAC. Mackenzie Carrier seconded the nomination. Kim declined the nomination. There being no further nominations, nominations were closed and Daphne Brumwell declared Joel McCartney, Chair of SEAC for the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion

MOVED BY: B. Richer
SECONDED BY: K. Bordignon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the members of Northeastern Catholic District School Board's Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) appoint Joel McCartney as Chair of SEAC for the 2020-2021 school year.
CARRIED.

Election of Vice Chair

Joel McCartney opened the nomination process. Joel McCartney nominated Kim Bordignon as Vice Chair of SEAC. Mackenzie Carrier seconded the nomination. Kim accepted the nomination. There being no further nominations, nominations were closed and Daphne Brumwell declared Kim Bordignon, Vice Chair of SEAC for the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion

MOVED BY: B. Richer
SECONDED BY: M. Carrier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the members of Northeastern Catholic District School Board's Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) appoint Kim Bordignon as Vice Chair of SEAC for the 2020-2021 school year.
CARRIED.

5. Schedule of Meetings

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11. Specialized Classrooms Update for 2020/2021

All specialized classrooms that were created last year are continuing this school year as all the enrolment in these classrooms has increased. We now have 7 part time students in the Communication class at St. Jerome, 9 students in Essential Skills at St. Joseph and 5 students participating in the half time program at St. Pat's in Cobalt.

12. Special Education Plan 2020/2021

A copy of the Special Education Plan was provided to all committee members. The plan has been submitted to the Ministry of Education. The plan will be updated on the NCDSB website.

13. Agency Reports

Community Living

The Agency is working closely with childcare center; the number of children in the centers is currently lower than normal due to the schools only being open for 3 weeks. As the children attend school, diagnoses are common. Strict guidelines are in place when visiting a center.

NEOFACS

NEOFACS staff are continuing to work virtually from home during the Covid19 pandemic. Staff are able to reach out to clients via email and are offering sessions through ZOOM or over the phone.

Child Protection Service workers have been completing home visits and completing access visits. The Mental Health Services dept. is working virtually and discussions have taken place to determine when face-to-face visits can resume. Clients has adapted well to virtual visits thus far. Scheduling appointments during school hours has been a struggle so this year. Some school boards have set up virtual rooms for school hours visits with children. The clinicians have been able to schedule their days to arrange for after school hours visits. There has been an increase in Crisis service users in an inpatient setting.

WHO IS IT FOR?

Parents who benefit from this program are those who have been or are going through separation and divorce where there are unresolved conflicts and difficulties communicating effectively with former partners. Parents may be concerned that the separation or divorce is upsetting their children or they may want to learn ways to talk to their children about it and teach them ways to cope. Parents who do this course usually have concurrent concerns about their child's behaviour.

REGISTRATION

For more information or to register before October 7, 2022

Cochrane Temiskaming Resource Centre

CTRC staff are continuing to work virtually from home. Staff can continue to connect with teachers in schools via telephone or by making an appointment. Eligibility assessments have just begun to take place face to face using Plexiglas and PPE safety protocols. Each child will be assessed to ensure safety measures can be maintained. If not maintainable, the assessment may need to be delayed to a later date. Behavioral Intervention services have continued through a virtual means. A slight drop in activity levels has been noted, 75% since the pandemic began.

Cochrane Temiskaming Children's Treatment Centre

The center remains closed to the public, however there are two pediatricians who are now working out of the center. Specific groups are being held for children who have equipment needs that must be addressed, orthotics and neo natal. The center is currently working with school boards in phases. Phase 1 and 2 are for

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 1:05 p.m.
CARRIED.