



CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF EASTERN ONTARIO

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

April 8, 2008 – Meeting #2

Sacred Heart, Cornwall

Present:

SEAC Members:

Sue Wilson (Chair), Trustee
Nancy Kirby, Trustee
Christina Edge, Autism Ontario
Fran Brauneisen, Association for Community
Living
Suzanne Whitney, Integration Action for
Inclusion of Leeds & Grenville
Rose-Marie Martin, Learning Disabilities
Association of Ontario
Ruby Mekker, Member-at-Large

Board Resource Staff:

Dr. Donaleen Hawes, Superintendent of Education
Brian Peters, Principal of Special Education
Dawn Fewer, Special Education Coordinator
Rod McLeod, Special Education Consultant

Regrets:

Karen McAllister, Trustee
Judy Dallas, Special Education Consultant
Irene Tweddle, Vice President, CUPE
James Borer, Parent

Guests:

Frances Spagnolo, Principal, Sacred Heart
Nancy Kelly, SSW, Sacred Heart
Stephanie Burke, Principal, Bishop Macdonell
Pam Dunk, Board Crisis Worker
Joe Sparling, Grandfather
Diane Bartlett, Parent
Christina Nichols, Parent
Agnes McDonald
Christina Van Putten
Roxanne Westenbrock

Meeting Called to Order

Sue Wilson called the meeting to order at 8:13 p.m.

I. Opening Prayer

“We are Called...to Live Peacefully”

II. Welcome and Introduction

Sue Wilson welcomed all members and guests to Sacred Heart School, in Cornwall.

III. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Nancy Kirby

Seconded by: Suzanne Whitney

IV. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of Meeting #1 to be brought forward at the next Special Education Advisory Committee meeting on May 27, 2008.

V. Association Updates

Christina Edge, Autism Ontario

A recommendation was put forth to include a focus on Transition Planning for Special Education Children within the annual report.

VI. Presentation – Pam Dunk, Board Crisis Worker

Pam Dunk shared a resource document entitled, “Responding to Bullying Behavior in the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario” (draft). This resource developed to support implementation of Bill 212, reviews what is a bully, victim, by-stander, and provides strategies for staff to help intervene and support students. This resource will be offered to schools to share with their staff in the fall, 2008. A parent and student version will also be available.

VII. Special Education Department Updates

Nothing to report at this time.

VIII. Chair Updates

Procedures for sharing updates were reviewed. There was an emphasis on providing the information in writing for the purpose of completing minutes accurately.

IX. Good News Sharing

Members and guests shared “Good News” stories/events.

X. Upcoming S.E.A.C. Meeting

Tuesday, May 27, 2008, at 7:00 p.m., at the Board Office, in Kemptville.

XI. Closing Prayer

Brian Peters led the group in the Board Prayer.

XII. Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

Moved by: Rose-Marie Martin

Seconded by: Fran Brauneisen