



CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF EASTERN ONTARIO

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, April 26th, 2010
St. Michael CHS, Kemptville
5:30 p.m.

Present:

SEAC Members:

Sue Wilson (Chair), Trustee
Karen McAllister, Trustee
Nancy Kirby, Trustee
Fran Brauneisen, Association for Community
Living
Dave Conners, Autism Ontario
Christina Nichols, Association for Bright
Children of Ontario
James Borer, VOICE
Rose-Marie Martin, Learning Disabilities
Association of Ontario
Joe Sparling, Easter Seals – Ontario

Board Resource Staff:

Dr. Donaleen Hawes, Superintendent of Education
Tom Jordan, Principal of Special Education
Dawn Fewer, Coordinator of Special Education

Guests:

William Gartland, Director of Education
Ron Eamer, Chairperson of the Board
Jane McMillan, Superintendent of Education
Marg Shea Lawrence, Superintendent of Education
Mark Musca, Superintendent of Education
Ruby Mekker, Special Education Resource Teacher
Rhonda Peterson, CUPE
Diane Bartlett, Parent
Principals, Parents and Staff members from all of
our schools throughout CDSBEO

Meeting Called to Order

Sue Wilson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Opening Prayer

Tom Jordan led the group in "*Our Prayer for Catholic Education*".

Welcome and Introductions

- Ron Eamer, Chairperson of the Board, brought greetings from the Board of Trustees and thanked SEAC for organizing the event.
- William Gartland, Director of Education, also brought words of welcome and stressed how appreciative the Board is of the support we receive from parents, staff and community partners.
- Sue Wilson, Trustee and Chair of SEAC, brought greetings on behalf of the Special Education Advisory Committee. She also thanked SEAC members, parents and staff for bringing together such a wonderful event that is meant to celebrate the good things that are happening in Special Education throughout CDSBEO.
- Dr. Donaleen Hawes, Superintendent of Education, brought greetings from the Special Education Department.

I. Approval of Agenda

Sue Wilson asked the Special Education Advisory Committee members for approval to consider this evening our regular April, 2010, SEAC meeting.

Moved by: James Borer

Seconded by: Nancy Kirby

Format for the Evening

- The evening was open to all interested CDSBEO parents, staff and community members.
- The purpose was to learn more about programs and services for our Special Learners provided by CDSBEO and our Community Partners, and to learn more about the role of our Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC).
- Dinner was available to all participants from 5:00-6:30 p.m.
- From 6:30-8:30 p.m., informational carousels were set up and well attended by individuals.

That included information on/from:

- The Learning Disability of Ontario
- Association for Bright Children
- VOICE
- Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Safe Schools
- The Role of Formal Assessments
- Our Special Education Advisory Committee
- Assistive Technology
- Reading, Writing, Thinking (FROG, HAWK & STOMP)
- Exceptional Art from Beautiful Minds (display)
- Eastern Ontario Health Unit
- Community Living of North Grenville

- Prescott-Russell Adult Service
 - Prescott-Russell Coalition Against Drugs
 - Easter Seals
 - MS Society of Canada
- The evening also featured a set of workshops that ran from 6:30-7:15 p.m., and again from 7:20-8:05 p.m.

Workshops included:

- A Workshop on the IEP/IPRC Process
 - Facilitated by Rod McLeod and Judy Dallas, Special Education Consultants
- Anxiety and Our Special Needs Students
 - Facilitated by Pat Cole, ABA Specialist
- Family Stressors Around Special Needs Students
 - Facilitated by Maggie Lance (Child & Youth Wellness Centre), and Tom Jordan, Principal of Special Education
- Assistive Technology Live Demonstration
 - Facilitated by Mark Whitton (J. L. Jordan, Brockville), Matt Hubbard (St. Francis Xavier, Brockville) and Dawn Fewer, Coordinator of Special Education

II. Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 25th, 2010, at St. Michael CHS, in Kemptonville.

III. Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

Moved by: Karen McAllister

Seconded by: James Borer

Sue Wilson adjourned the meeting at 8:45 pm