



CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF EASTERN ONTARIO

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

November 25th, 2009

Board Office, in Kemptville

7:00 p.m.

Present:

SEAC Members:

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

Board Resource Staff:

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

Regrets:

Rose-Marie Martin, Learning Disabilities
Association of Ontario

Guests:

Liz Harrison, CUPE
Rhonda Peterson, CUPE
Dianne Bartlett, Parent
Ruby Mekker, Special Education Resource Teacher

Meeting Called to Order

Sue Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

I. Welcome and Introductions

Sue Wilson lit a candle, welcomed the group and had members and guests introduce themselves.

II. Opening Prayer

Tom Jordan led the group in a prayer entitled “Roads”.

III. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: James Borer

Seconded by: Christina Nichols

IV. Approval of Minutes – November 25th, 2009

Moved by: Fran Braun

Seconded by: James Borer

V. Presentation by Lynn Ziraldo, Past President and current member of the Minster’s Advisory Council on Special Education (MACSE) and President of the Learning Disability Association of Ontario

Lynn focused her presentation on “What Makes an Effective Special Education Advisory Council” and shared a number of best practices from vast experience including information around:

- Election of Chair and Vice Chair
- Orientation of New Members
- Expectations of a SEAC
- Suggested Activities and Best Practices
- Raising the profile of a SEAC
- System Advocacy
- Desirable Skills and Practices
- Building Credibility
- Board Improvement Planning
- Special Education Plan
- Special Education Funding

Nancy Kirby thanked Lynn Ziraldo on behalf of the group, for her excellent and informative presentation.

VI. Next Meeting: January 27th, 2010, at the Board Office, in Kemptville.

VII. Good News Sharing

Members shared good news stories from across the CDSBEO.

VIII. Closing Prayer

Tom Jordan led the group in a closing prayer.

VIX. Motion to Adjourn Meeting

Sue Wilson also thanked Lynn Ziraldo and adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Moved by: Joe Sparling

Seconded by: James Borer