

Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting  
Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010 1:30 p.m.  
Pope John Paul II School

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**Present:** Harry Favreau, Norine Schram, Diane VanderZande,  
Teresa Gallik, Phyllis Eikre

**Regrets:** Tom Fawcett, Dianne Griffiths, Michael Favreau, Murray Delorme

**Guests:** PJPII Learning Resource Teachers, Maureen Frankcom

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**1. Opening Prayer and Welcome to the Staff at PJPII**

Harry Favreau welcomed PJPII school staff to our meeting and thanked them for letting us host it at their school.

**2. School Presentations and Reports on Programs and Services**

PJPII School's Learning Resource Teachers Andrea Batters, Chris Moorley, Roger Long and Vice Principal Maureen Frankcom shared with SEAC members through "Insight" – **Norming Study** assessment. This assessment is given to Grades 2-6 students. The insight is a study for the development to a Canadian test of cognitive abilities. Teachers are asked to provide feedback regarding the assessment. The assessment results will provide teachers information about student's learning styles and problem solving abilities to inform Differentiated Instruction.

**Crystal Knowledge** – is a test of a student's breadth and depth and application of acquired knowledge of language, information, and concepts of a culture.

**Visual Processing** – is a test of a student's ability to generate, retain, retrieve and transform well-structured visual games.

**Short Term Memory** - is a test of a student's ability to apprehend, maintain awareness of, and mental manipulate elements of information in the immediate situation.

Special Ed resource teachers are looking forward to the results.

Roger Long, shared with the SEAC group of Collaborative Inquiry into Learning Math - Study Math program between Public and Catholic school boards taking ideas from the Japanese teachers and bringing different ideas how to teach math, showing a different method getting the same answer and trying to get all students to be involved.

Mrs. Maureen Frankcom gave SEAC members a tour of Mrs. Tammy Bush's classroom at work. Focus in the classroom is Differentiated Instruction. Blogging is the focus in her classroom.  
Roger Long thanked the SEAC committee for coming to PJPII School to hear their presentations.

### **3. Approval of the Agenda and Minutes**

**Harry Favreau**

The agenda and minutes were approved.

### **4. Correspondence**

**Harry Favreau**

- Committee members were provided a copy of a letter from the Minister of Education, Kathleen Wynne.
- Minister of Education Highlights letter was shared with the committee.
- A letter from the new Minister of Education, Leona Dombrowski was also handed out to committee members regarding funding for psychological and speech and language assessments.
- Harry handed out a letter from Algoma School Board in regards to Special Education Funding.
- Harry handed out a letter from the Durham District School Board in regards to removing safety vests from school buses with apparent consideration for the implications to local school boards. i.e. Special Education students in a wheel chair/Autism/ADD&HD. Durham District School Board is asking other school boards for suggestions. Diane VanderZande will look into this. Will discuss this issue at the next SEAC meeting on March 26, 2010.

### **5. Business Arising From Last Meeting**

**Harry Favreau**

- Information about Bill 148 from Dianne Griffiths.
  - Accessibility Committee will be looking at this issue.
- From the last meeting Trustee Teresa Gallik on behalf of Trustee Mike Favreau asked about video conferencing availability in St. John's School in Red Lake. Phyllis Eikre has planned the Board meeting on Tuesday, May 18 in Red Lake. SEAC is invited to attend and hold a SEAC meeting on the same day. Maybe rent a small bus for the Board Trustees and SEAC members. It would be a late night as we would come back that night.
- A letter was supposed to be sent out to a list of people.
- Protocol for partnership external agencies providing services
  - Partnership signature/written agreement with agencies.

## **6. New Business/ Agency Reports**

**Harry Favreau**

- KACL representative Norine Schram: shared information that the month of May is Community Living Month and the KACL will be hosting the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual WALK AND WHEEL. Walk and Wheel Additional information will be sent to Estelle Cantera and Murray Delorme soon.
- The Canadian Hearing Society:  
Regrets

## **7. Trustee Report**

**Phyllis Eirkre**

- Policy Governance Meeting is held on the first Tuesday of every month.
- Each school does a presentation at the Board meeting.
- Phyllis presented the strategic plan at the February 16 board meeting.
- Executive Council format has changed.
- Each week executive council talks about different issues.
  - More Board eye level.
  - Day to day decision making goes to the Managers.
  - Board level issues brought forward more strategically.
- Applied for an additional Trustee for Red Lake

## **8. Coordinators Report**

**Estelle Cantera**

Regrets

## **9. Opened Discussion Forum**

**Harry Favreau**

- Norine Schram thanked K. Letain for taking the Minutes.
- Harry thanked Phyllis and Teresa for attending the SEAC meeting today.

## **10. Meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm**

**Next meeting: March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010 @ 1:30 p.m. at St. Louis School**