

Special Education Advisory Committee
Friday, February 18th, 2011 @ 1:30 p.m.
Ste-Marguerite Bourgeoys School (SMB)
Minutes

Present: Dianne Griffiths, Harry Favreau, Diane VanderZande, Norine Schram, Estelle Cantera, Bernie Kelly, Carol Baron

Guests: Phyllis Eikre, Mary Cunningham, Carlos Silva, Jacquie Duhaime

Regrets: Tom Fawcett, Teresa Gallik

1. The opening prayer, introduction of Members for the 2010 - 2014 term were welcomed in a presentation by Director of Education, Phyllis Eikre. New to the KCDSB SEAC committee are Bernie Kelly representing Child Development Centre and Carol Baron Member-at-Large for Red Lake. Past SEAC members returning for another term are Harry Favreau (Member-at-Large), Tom Fawcett (Member-at-Large), Diane VanderZande (Member-at-Large), Dianne Griffiths (Canadian Hearing Society), Norine Schram (Kenora Association Community Living) and Teresa Gallik (Trustee Representative).
2. Nomination and election of Chair and Vice Chair took place. Norine Schram was nominated by Harry Favreau and Seconded by Diane VanderZande. She accepted this nomination and was acclaimed to the position. Diane Griffiths was nominated by Harry Favreau for Vice Chair. She accepted and was acclaimed to the position.
3. **School Presentation:**

Ste-Marguerite Bourgeoys School Learning Resource Teacher Jacquie Duhaime and Principal Carlos Silva presented information on the current practices and initiatives at SMB. The primary focus is literacy (CIL). Data is being gathered and used to support classroom practice. Teachers are keen to implement strategies and are working hard to overcome the environmental hurdles of staffing and time and second language issues encountered by our French language learners. Mr. Silva shared that the SMB students had read 1000 books for the M.S. read-a-thon raising \$2,500 for that charity.
4. Approval of agenda and minutes were accepted as amended with additional information from Director of Education, Phyllis Eikre.
5. Correspondence: Tabled to March meeting.
6. Business arising from last meeting: Tabled to Next Meeting

7. New Business/ Agency reports:

Reports from:

KACL: *Norine Schram*

- KACL have resources and materials available for use with students.

The Canadian Hearing Society: *Diane Griffiths*

- Diane shared information about the Harmony Center in Red Lake.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:55 p.m.

**Next Meeting: Friday, March 25, 2011 @ 1:30 p.m.
Pope John Paul II School**