

## Special Education Advisory Committee

Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> 2011 @ 1:30 p.m.

Pope John Paul II

# Minutes

---

**Present:** Dianne Griffiths, Harry Favreau, Diane VanderZande, Norine Schram, Estelle Cantera, Bernie Kelly, Carol Baron, Tom Fawcett, Teresa Gallik

**Guests:** Mary Cunningham, Michelle Sawa, Roger Long, Christine Moorley, Andrea Batters

---

1. Opening prayer, welcome to Pope John Paul II staff and an introduction of SEAC and School representatives took place.

2. **School Presentation:**

Pope John Paul Learning Resource Teachers Andrea Batters, Roger Long, Chris Moorley and Vice Principal Michelle Sawa presented information on the current practices and initiatives at Pope John Paul II. Their presentation focused on the process of setting up supports for student with identified behaviours that are interfering with the successful progression of the student's educational pathway. The "Functional Behaviour Assessments" (FBA) and the resulting "Behaviour Intervention Plan" (BIP) are developed and implemented through a collaborative approach which encompasses all stakeholders supporting the child. The process is well received and supported.

This intervention model supports the objective of Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) and initiatives through the Behaviour Expert Amount. The Special Education Coordinator oversees each school team. All staff have been training in this assessment and intervention model and with the support of outside agencies, Teachers Diagnosticians, and contracted professionals; the school staffs are confident in implementing an FBA process and monitoring the recommendations within the BIP.

3. Agenda and minutes were approved as presented.

4. **Correspondence:** None at this time

5. **Business arising from last meeting:**

Special Education Professional Development Day: Canadian Hearing Society Accessibility presentation. It will be at the Inn of the Woods. It will be an all day

presentation. If SEAC members wish to attend please email Estelle at [ecantera@kcdsb.on.ca](mailto:ecantera@kcdsb.on.ca)

## **6. New Business/ Agency reports:**

### ***Reports from:***

#### **Child Development Center: *Bernie Kelly***

*CDC will be now referred to as Firefly it has amalgamated with the Patricia Center to form a new umbrella agency.*

#### **Trustee Report: *Teresa Gallik***

Welcomed the idea of the SEAC to the next Board meeting in April

#### **Coordinator's Report: *Estelle Cantera***

- Information in regards to the internal Special Education Review currently being piloted at Saint Thomas Aquinas was shared with SEAC. If review process is deemed successful a similar process will begin in the elementary schools. SEAC will be updated at each meeting.
  
- Information was shared in regard to the Mental Health initiative "Student Support Leadership – Phase Two" sponsored by the Ministry of Education in partnership with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) and the Ministry of Children and Youth Services. KCDSB is in partnership with KPDSB and regional agencies in developing a support and service network that schools and parents could access when supporting children and youth with Mental Health concerns.  
Mary Cunningham shared that as part of this project there are plans for a Mental Health Symposium to take place in Dryden May 6<sup>th</sup>. Keynote Speakers and presenters are being brought in to discuss Mental Health awareness. SEAC is invited to attend.

**Meeting Adjourned: 2:55 p.m.**

**Next Meeting:      Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> 2011 @ 1:30 p.m.  
Saint John's School is hosting. Skype will be setup at SMB in  
the library for Kenora members.**