

Special Education Advisory Committee

Friday, March 26th, 2010 @ 1:30 p.m.

St. Louis School

Minutes

Present: Harry Favreau, Diane VanderZande, Dianne Griffiths, Tom Fawcett, Michael Favreau, Norine Schram, Estelle Cantera, Murray Delorme

Guests: Glenda Long, Trudy Cederwall

1. Tom Fawcett did the opening prayer and welcome to the staff at St. Louis School.

2. School Presentations and Reports on Programs and Services

- Glenda Long, teacher at St. Louis School shared with SEAC committee members regarding Behavior Programming. St. Louis School has done a lot of work with students with Behavior problems. It takes a lot of time and involvement from teachers, parents, other agencies. It takes a team to make this work. It usually turns out positive. Students receive rewards/tokens/ time for choice. This program as been very positive to the students at St. Louis School. The committee members were encouraged by the enthusiasm and dedication to the education of all students which was evident in their presentation.
- The SEAC committee members observed teacher Kerri Favreau's Senior Kindergarten classroom.

3. The revised Minutes from February 19th meeting were accepted for Approval.

4. Correspondence

- Estelle distributed copies of the "Get Loud" newsletter to committee members.
- Estelle distributed copies of a letter from Minister of Education thanking the SEAC group for their contributions.
- Estelle is involved with an Autism project. Working on different aspects/phases with Joel Godecki, who will then report to his committee.
- Harry handed out a pamphlet to the committee members from "Voice". Estelle asked Dianne Griffiths to see if the Canadian Hearing Society would send Dianne to an upcoming conference.

5. Business Arising From Last Meeting

- Letter from the Durham District School Board in regards to removing safety vests from school buses and the implications to school boards, i.e. Special Education students in a wheelchair/Autism/ADD&HD. Durham District School Board is asking other school boards for suggestions. Diane VanderZande made inquiries about this issue. Under current Canadian laws, bus companies used by school boards are required to have the right seats in the bus for the vest with special bolts installed on the seats in the bus. In the United States these special bolts are allowed but not in Canada.
- May is Community Living Month and the KACL will be hosting the 4th Annual WALK AND WHEEL, additional information will be sent to Estelle Cantera and Murray Delorme soon. Norine is in the process of organizing this event and will bring more information to the next meeting.

6. New Business/ Agency Reports

Harry Favreau

- KACL: - David Pitoniak is an excellent speaker, will be in Winnipeg in 2011. Norine will bring more info to the committee.
 - Leadership Camp is coming up soon. Norine doesn't know if any students from TA are attending this year.
- CHS: - The Canadian Hearing Society's office is extremely busy these days.
 - CHS has a new audiologist in their office.
 - Dianne indicated that the Canadian Hearing Society office needs volunteers.

7. Trustee Report

Mike Favreau

- Mike reminded the committee members that there will be a Board Meeting on **Tuesday, May 18** in Red Lake and also there will be a SEAC meeting on the same day. Transportation pending.
- Mike Favreau reminded the committee members that Phyllis will be away for 6 months for her surgery. Kevin Debnam will be the Acting Director of Education until October 31, 2010.

8. Coordinators Report

- Estelle handed out information to the SEAC committee member's information on Enabling Partnership Program.
- Estelle handed out information in regards to Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. Murray Delorme received a phone call from Toronto asking if our Board would be interested in participating. A report is due July, 2010.
- Murray wanted a "voice" from the North.

9. Opened Discussion Forum

Harry Favreau

- Harry passed around a Thank you card from Estelle Cantera for the lovely flowers she received.

10. Meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm

Next meeting: April 17th, 2010 @ 1:30 p.m.
St. Thomas Aquinas School