

Special Education Advisory Committee

Friday, January 21st, 2011 @ 1:30 p.m.

St. Louis School

Minutes

Present: Teresa Gallik, Dianne Griffiths, Harry Favreau, Diane VanderZande, Phyllis Eikre, Trudy Cederwall, Glenda Long, Karen Letain (Recorder)

Regrets: Tom Fawcett, Norine Schram, Murray Delorme, Mary Cunningham, Estelle Cantera

1. Phyllis Eikre did the opening prayer and Harry Favreau did the welcome to the staff at St. Louis School.

2. School Presentation:

- St. Louis School

Glenda Long, E-LIT Teacher (Early Literacy Intervention Teacher) at St. Louis School provided information regarding her position. E-LIT focuses on students in grades 1, 2 and 3. Glenda hopes to meet the needs to more students in the school. To-date the program is working very well focusing on “one to one reading”, “printing skills”, and “alphabet skills”.

3. Approval of agenda and minutes

Harry Favreau

- Approved

4. Correspondence:

Harry Favreau

- Diane VanderZande read a letter received from Durham District School Board in regards to safety vests in school buses. Vests are no longer allowed on school buses. In some schools this is a big issue.
- Phyllis spoke about a motion in regards to have Estelle Cantera involved on anything that involves Special Education/SEAC. If SEAC has any questions, please have the SEAC chair meet with Phyllis. Communication is key.

5. Business arising from last meeting:

Harry Favreau

- Unit Two of the SEAC Website: SEAC members summarize their sections. deferred to next meeting.
- Unit Three will be handed out for discussion at the next meeting and Phyllis will provide a presentation at that time.
- Next month meeting will consist of our new SEAC members.

6. New Business/ Agency Reports:

SEAC asked Director of Education, Mrs. Phyllis Eikre for an update on the process of appointing members to the 2011-2014 SEAC Committee. The SEAC February meeting will be an inaugural meeting where elections for Chair and Vice Chair will take place.

- Phyllis is pleased to report we have five returning SEAC members: Tom Fawcett, Harry Favreau, Dianne Griffiths, Diane VanderZande, Norine Schram. In addition, we will have a new participant from Red Lake.

Reports from:

- KACL **Norine Schram**
Absent with regret
- The Canadian Hearing Society **Dianne Griffiths**
Dianne handed out an article in regards to “How would a deaf person be alerted of fire”?

7. Trustee Report:

Teresa Gallik

- Teresa did a SEAC report at January’s regular Board meeting.
- Teresa and Phyllis recently attended an Ontario Catholic School Trustees Association meeting in Toronto and learned they might be required to conduct a review on Special Education.

8. Coordinator’s Report:

Estelle Cantera

Absent with regret

9. Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

10. Next Meeting: Friday, February 18th, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. at
Ecole Ste. Marguerite School

Note: Diane VanderZande will be absent with regret for April and May SEAC meetings.