# Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting

**Special Education Services** 

**1. Call to Order** 1:15 pm

### October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019

#### 2. Attendance:

North Bay	South River	Parry Sound
Harry Fry	Lisa Paradis	Susan Wilson
Kim Gignac	Candy St. Onge	Laura Hansman
Louise Sargent	Stephanie Zacharuk	
Roslyn Bowness		
Tracy Hanzlik		
Chris Guillemette		
Albina Lavictoire		
Alan Bottomley		

Regrets: Sharon Walker, Wayde Smith, Nichole King

3. Approval of Agenda:

October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Moved Louise Sargent Seconded Alan Bottomley Carried. No Conflict of interest

4. Approval of Minutes:

September 19th, 2019

Moved Chris Guillemette Seconded- Stephanie Zacharuk Carried.

# **5. Business Arising from the Minutes**

## **Membership Review**

Harry reviewed the committee membership.

# **SEA and SIP funding**

The 2019-20 Education Funding – A guide to the Special Education Grant is incl0 G[-)]TJETQq73.2h13 24(

- The Special Education Grant is made up of 6 allocations:
  - 1. Special Education Per Pupil Amount
  - 2. Differentiated Special Education Needs Amount
  - 3. Special Equipment Amount
  - 4. Special Incidence Portion
  - 5. Care, Treatment, Custody and Correctional Amount
  - 6. Behaviour Expertise Amount
- Special Education Per Pupil Amount is based on total enrolment of all students in a school board.
- Differentiated Special Education Needs Amount is based on 4 components:
  - Statistical Prediction Model (which estimates the likelihood of students in a school board needing special education programs and/or services using census data.)
  - Measures of variability (which uses six categories of information. Three in the forms of data; Students reported as receiving services, EQAO, credit accumulation/ participation in locally developed and alternative non-credit courses. The three other categories are remote and rural adjustment, Indigenous education grant adjustment and French language school board adjustment.)
  - 3. Collaboration and Integration (base amount)
  - 4. Multi-Disciplinary Supports Amount
- Special Equipment Amount allows boards to purchase two kinds of equipment: computers, software and related equipment as well as training; and non-computer-based equipment.
- Special Incidence Portion is available to support students

- 2. Knowing and supporting our learners: includes a focus on math in collaboration with the program department.
- 3. Supporting students with challenging behaviours:
- Referral for behavior services support includes supporting students at all levels. (tiered model)
- Plan to develop electronic format for the referral process.

## **Ministry advisors**

- Following the Ombudsman report the Board is committed to improving transparency and openness with the community.
- The Board requested some assistance from the Ministry. Two advisors will provide advice and recommendations back to the Ministry. They are looking for an opportunity to meet with SEAC members. The group was asked to consider November 25 or 27 as possible meeting dates. A calendar invite will be sent out to confirm availability.

## Correspondence

Available in the SEAC package.

# **Capital planning**

- The vote took place at the last Board meeting and Widdifield Secondary will close.
- A sub committee has been created and they are working on a transition plan. There are two clear special education grade 7-12 pathways for Chippewa and West Ferris.
- Tenders have gone out for the W.J. Fricker new build.

### **Special Education Plan**

- Revisions are reviewed April/May.
- Liz Therrien, Superintendent of Business will present at the next meeting on the 2018-19 financials.

### **Community living Ontario**

Together We Better contest and the promotion of inclusive education.

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5. Question Period	