

1. Call to Order 1:17 pm

2. Attendance via TEAMS online meeting platform

Harry Fry (Chair)	Chris Guillemette
Alan Bottomley	Susan Wilson
Kimberley Gignac	Tracy Hanzlik
Barb Laverock	Stephanie Zacharuk
Nichole King	Albina Lavictoire
Lisa Paradis	
Louise Sargent	

Regrets: Laura Hansman, Candy St. Onge, Melanie Gray

3. Approval of Agenda:

November 19th, 2020

Moved Stephanie Zacharuk
Seconded Albina Lavictoire
Carried. No Conflict of interest

4. Approval of Minutes:

October 15th, 2020

Moved Louise Sargent
Seconded- Barb Laverock
Carried.

Ministry communications/PPM

- ◁ *Special Education in Ontario K-Grade 12*, Policy and resource guide is still a main resource.
- ◁ Investment funding to support school reopening was received in August.
- ◁ Funding was received for additional resources for staff, assessment services and programs/interventions to address learning gaps.
- ◁ A proposal was completed and approved by Exec council. This includes professional assessment services, plexi-glass partitions and iPads for both the assessor and student. Also, an online assessment platform called Q-interactive has been purchased.
- ◁ It is important for many students to have a current Psych assessment to qualify for services (assessments no more than 3 years old).
- ◁ The Ministry has not confirmed if there will be a Christmas extension.

Annual agenda

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Financial Report

- < Manager of Finance Wende Proulx discussed the special education year end financials as of August 31, 2020.
- < The over expenditure is approximately \$435,593 which is comparable to the previous year. This over-expenditure does remain consistent from year to year.
- < Accounts that were not spent in year must go back into deferred revenue.
- < There were some overall savings on travel and supplies due to COVID-19.
- < Staffing levels have remained consistent.
- < Strike savings is recovered by the Ministry.
- < The NNDSB prioritizes grant dollars for special education.
- < Certain departments will have surpluses and others have deficits.
- < Tours of the new/updated special education areas at Chippewa and West Ferris will be scheduled when possible.
- <x The 3-2 secondary school consolidation allowed for alignment with the two special education program streams. Chippewa houses the communication program and West Ferris the life skills program.
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Special Education Report

- < the four priority areas; supporting students with LD, enhancing skills in ABA, supporting students with challenging behaviour and supporting students with high needs.
- < The focus for supporting students with an LD has been on the LEARNstyle project.
- < The speech language and program department has been collaborating to better support literacy gaps.
- < The ABA after school funds were not able to be used because of school shut down, so were used instead to hire two behaviour therapists, one temporary and one full time.
- < The mobile team continues their work with 8-week placements.
- < Network Advisory Council quarterly meetings are taking place.
- < PD sessions continue using the virtual and Edsby platforms.
- < Just over 20 students have begun the training with LEARNstyle. The feedback from families is positive. They are using the TEAMS online platform and office 365.

New Business

- < Community living North Bay They have chosen Hope Kitchen and the Indigenous Friendship Centre food bank to support this year. Donations such as gift cards and snack type items are requested. Chris will send an email summary to Chair Fry for follow up.
- < The Fire Fighters association has partnered with Community living. Proceeds from their calendar will be directed to the outcomes fund.