

 <p>Special Needs Advisory Committee</p> <p>http://snac.lbpsb.qc.ca/</p> <p>Email: snac@lbpearson.qc.ca</p>	<p>SNAC Report to the Council of Commissioners, Central Parents' and Education Committees</p> <p>From SNAC Meeting March 18, 2015</p> <p>Page 1 of 1</p>
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2015 Budget Consultation: For the past several years SNAC has provided a detailed response to the LBPSB Budget Consultation. It was decided that this year SNAC would re-submit our response from 2014, since we have exhausted new comments and our past recommendations remain relevant.

Inter-Board SNAC Meeting: On February 22, 2015 the English Parents Committee Association (EPCA) facilitated a meeting between the Special Needs Parent Commissioners and the Executives of the Special Needs Advisory Committees of the Quebec English School Boards. The purpose of this all-day meeting was to share ideas and best practices. The LBPSB representatives provided a walk-through of the LBPSB SNAC website, and of the IEP Resource Kit, which were extremely well received. The Special Needs Parent Commissioners formed a new group called the "Quebec English Special Education Commissioners", QESEC, in order to provide a common united voice to MELS. In response to MELS request for feedback regarding school board governance issues, QESEC prepared a letter of recommendations which was endorsed by the EPCA Board of Directors, and will be presented to MELS shortly.

EPCA Website: EPCA has requested that LBPSB share some of the content from the SNAC website, such as the videos of parent workshops, for the soon to be created Special Needs section of the EPCA website. SNAC is exploring how to link this information to EPCA's website while retaining the content on our own site.

Sharing IEP Resource Kits: SNAC has approved the recommendation to share the content of the IEP Resource Kits with all of the Special Needs Committees from the other Quebec English School Boards, with the condition that the LBPSB SNAC receives credit for the content.

Re-Printing IEP Resource Kits: Due to the popularity of the IEP Resource Kits, SNAC is investigating the feasibility of printing additional kits so that they would be available for distribution to new Special Needs students in the upcoming 2015-2016 school year.

Future Workshops: The committee is exploring ideas for new workshops for the 2015-2016 school year with the hope that SNAC might be able to host its first workshop earlier in the year.

Correspondence: The LBPSB Autism Spectrum Disorder Center of Excellence will be presenting the following Seminar on April 14th: Debunking Common Myths about Parenting Children with Special Needs (<http://coeasd.lbpsb.qc.ca/documents1415/2015-04-14.pdf>).

Next Meeting: The next SNAC meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at 7pm at the school board. All parents of children with special needs are invited to attend as guests, and may ask questions during the Q&A period.

Respectfully submitted,

Brett Hillgartner, Chairperson, LBPSB Special Needs Advisory Committee 2014-2015
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