

Special Needs Advisory Committee
Wednesday May 26, 2010
1925 Brookdale, Dorval

Minutes

Helen Finn called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

In attendance: Margo Edwards, Cindy Finn, Helen Finn, Christopher Fuzessy, Judy Kelley, Lorraine Meilleur, Daniel Olivenstein, Sean O'Reilly, Miriam Rabbat, Joanne Simoneau- Polenz, Anne Smart, Judith Waugh

Regrets: Franca Kesic, David O'Leary, Kerry Payette, Angela Whelton-Quinn

Observers: None

Minutes recorded by Sean O'Reilly

1.0 Additions to the Agenda

Presentation by Arthur Olivenstein to take place at 8:30 p.m.

1.1 Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Helen Finn, seconded by Anne Smart, and unanimously resolved that the Agenda of May 26th, 2010 be approved.

2.0 Correction to minutes of April 28th, 2010

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2.1 Approval of Minutes of April 28th, 2010

It was moved by Helen Finn, seconded by Margo Edwards, and unanimously resolved that the Minutes of April 28th be approved.

3.0 Business Arising

3.1 Information Evening

Positive feedback was received from parents who attended the information evening. The committee was very pleased by the interest demonstrated by parents and the good turn out to the event. The presentation by Maureen Hunt was very well done and well received by those present.

The evening was taped and will be put on the SNAC website once it is up and running.

3.2 Consultation: Strategic Plan

The responses are due on May 21st. SNAC will not send in a response to this consultation.

3.3 SNAC Website

Work is still in progress.

4.0 Reports

4.1 Administration

Report by Cindy Finn

Planning for the upcoming school year and the LBPSB Strategic Plan has been an ongoing task for the administration.

The Central Parity Committee has met to determine the allocation for Aide hours for 2010-2011.

Administration of both Student Services and Financial Services has been busy providing reports to the ministry regarding the spending of various allocations for students with special needs.

4.2 Council of Commissioners

No Report

4.3 Central Parents' Committee

Written report submitted by David O'Leary

4.4 Education Committee

No Report

4.5 P.T.U.

No report

4.6 P.A.S.A.-

No Report

4.7 Professionals

Report by Joanne Simoneau- Polenz for Kerry Payette

The biggest event this month has been the Annual Symposium organized by the LBPSB Centre of Excellence for ASD. The symposium was very well attended and the ASD team of professionals worked very hard to make all the necessary arrangements for this event.

4.8 IASS-

Report by Margo Edwards

The members of IASS are very concerned with the cuts to aide hours at the schools. Schools will have to closely examine all their resources and their student groupings to make sure that the most is being made of available funding.

4.9 Treasurer's Report

Report by Anne Smart

Helen Finn will have expenses to submit for a conference she attended as well as items purchased for the Parent Information Evening. Rules and regulations regarding the use of committee funds have been reviewed and monies are to be used solely for the functioning of the SNAC committee. Helen Finn advised that she would like to attend a conference in June and it was approved by the committee to approve her expenses.

5.0 New Business

5.1 SNAC Elections 2010

Elections are to take place on September 29, 2010. Possibility of sending posters to schools to be further examined and costs estimates will be obtained. The event will also be advertised on the LBPSB website.

6.0 Correspondence

- Connections Newsletter was distributed
- Helen distributed handouts from a recent symposium she attended.

7.0 Varia

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8.0 Adjournment

It was moved by Helen Finn, seconded by Cindy Finn, and unanimously resolved to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15