

 <p><b>Special Needs Advisory Committee</b></p> <p><a href="http://snac.lbpsb.qc.ca/">http://snac.lbpsb.qc.ca/</a></p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:snac@lbpearson.qc.ca">snac@lbpearson.qc.ca</a></p>	<p><b>SNAC Report to the Council of Commissioners, Parents' Committees and Education Committees</b></p> <p><b>From SNAC Meeting June 2, 2015</b></p> <p><b>Page 1 of 1</b></p>
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**Major School Change (MSC) Consultation: update:** SNAC members reviewed a Draft version of the MSC Brief. Main discussion points included the need for LBPSB to continue its policy of inclusion, and the need for transition plans and support services to be put into place for students with special needs after an MSC decision has been made. Special Needs Programs, Alternative Models of Instruction and the benefits and pitfalls of the various language stream options (Immersion, Bilingual, English, Dual-Track) were discussed.

The SNAC 2014-2015 members have decided to submit an MSC Brief this year, before the end of June. Next year's 2015-2016 SNAC committee, which will likely have new members, may consider submitting an additional Brief, should new information and/or new ideas arise next fall.

**Letters to MEESR to Protest Budget Cuts in general, and specifically in the area of Special Needs:**

A letter that was prepared by the QESEC (Quebec English Special Education Parent Commissioners) to protest insufficient funding provided to school boards by the MEESR to support the Integration of Students with Special Needs into regular classrooms was reviewed, and well received by SNAC members. SNAC approved the text for a similar letter, to increase lobbying efforts on MEESR on the topic of Budget Cuts.

In addition, SNAC's letter states that the special needs community watches the ongoing contract negotiations with great interest and grave concern, as many items in these discussions pertain to students with special needs. SNAC asks that the MEESR gives serious consideration to limiting the impact on services to students with special needs during these contract negotiations.

<http://snac.lbpsb.qc.ca/eng/extra/img/137SNAClettertoMEESR-SNFundingJune2015.pdf>

**Questions from the Public:**

A parent visitor expressed her sincere thanks for the IEP Resource Kit that has been developed by SNAC. She indicated that she has successfully used the kit this year as a reference point, and to help prepare for her IEP meetings.

Two parent visitors expressed concern about the Budget Cuts announcements and Teacher's Contract Negotiations in the news. They were specifically concerned about how what this would mean for services to students with special needs. They also expressed concern about insufficient help for students who are "at risk" versus those who are "coded".

**Next Meeting: The SNAC Annual General Meeting: Wednesday, September 16, 2015, 7pm.**

**LBPSB Head Office, in the main Boardroom  
1925 Brookdale Avenue, Dorval.**

The new SNAC parent members will be elected at the Annual General Meeting. All parents of children with special needs are invited to nominate themselves for a position on SNAC, and encouraged to attend to elect their representatives.

Respectfully submitted,

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