

Special Needs Advisory Committee
Wednesday February 24, 2010
1925 Brookdale, Dorval

Minutes

Helen Finn called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

In attendance: Margo Edwards, Cindy Finn, Helen Finn, Judy Kelley, David O’Leary, Kerry Payette, Angela Whelton, Myriam Rabbat, Joanne Simoneau-Polenz, Anne Smart, Judith Waugh

Regrets: Christopher Fuzessy, Franca Kesic, Lorraine Meilleur, Daniel Olivenstein, Sean O’Reilly

Observers: None

Minutes recorded by Angela Whelton

1.0 Additions to the Agenda
-none

1.1 Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Helen Finn, seconded by David O’Leary, and unanimously resolved that the Agenda of February 24, 2010 be approved.

2.0 Correction to Minutes of January 27th, 2010
- none

2.1 Approval of Minutes of January 27th, 2010

It was moved by Helen Finn, seconded by David O’Leary, and unanimously resolved that the Minutes of January 27th be approved.

3.0 Business Arising

3.1 Information Evening

The subcommittee has been communicating via email and have discussed the possible subjects to be covered and the date of the event. Maureen Hunt of the Family and School Support and Treatment Team (FSSTT) can provide a presentation concerning advocating for your child.

The first choice of date for the evening is May 4th and Cindy Finn will ensure that the Boardroom will be booked for the event.

The invitation and manner of distribution will be examined.

It was moved by David O’Leary, seconded by Margo Edwards, and unanimously resolved that an honorarium of 100.00\$ be provided for the speaker at the SNAC information evening.

3.2 SNAC website

David O'Leary gave a demonstration of the possible templates for the SNAC website. The site can be launched about two weeks after submission of content. A possible list of links has been proposed. Content will be forwarded to Helen Finn and the rest of the committee. Copyright infringement issues will be examined.

4.0 Reports

4.1 Administration

Written report submitted by Cindy Finn was discussed and questions answered

4.2 Council of Commissioners

Written report submitted by Judy Kelley was discussed and questions answered.

4.3 Central Parents' Committee

Report by David O'Leary

The last meeting was the CPC open house. The event was well attended and parents left with a better understanding of the MELS curriculum.

4.4 Education Committee

Report by Helen Finn

Dr. Andrew Bennett and Joanne Simoneau-Polenz of Student Services gave a presentation on the REACH program. There was also a presentation on Religion and Culture by Nicole LeBihan of Education Services.

A proposed summer camp for gifted kids has been postponed until 2011.

4.5 P.T.U.

No report

4.6 P.A.S.A.-

Report by Myriam Rabbat

Nothing new to report.

4.7 Professionals

Report by Kerry Payette

A written report will be sent to committee members.

4.8 IASS-

Report by Margo Edwards

Negotiations with the government are ongoing.

4.9 Treasurer's Report

Report by Anne Smart

Receipts for reimbursement are to be submitted. Approval was given for Helen Finn to attend the LDAQ conference.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Consultation: 2010-2013 Three Year Plan for the Allocation and Destination of Immovables.

No response from SNAC will be provided for this consultation.

Comments on the consultation concerning the *Procedures for the Examination of Complaints from Students of the Lester B. Pearson School Board or their Parents* are to be forwarded to Helen Finn. The responses are due April 15, 2010.

6.0 Correspondence

None

7.0 Varia

-Questions were asked concerning the date of the end of resource room services in high schools. At this time no date has been set but it is a decision usually made at the high school level and these discussions normally do not start to occur until after March.

-The presentation on dyslexia will take place at the March meeting.

8.0 Adjournment

It was moved by Angela Whelton, seconded by Kerry Payette, and unanimously resolved to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00p.m.

Date of Next Meeting: March 31, 2010 7:00pm Room 219/221