

NEWS from the Special Needs Advisory Committee [August 2015]

Hello,

Thank you for joining the Special Needs Advisory Committee (SNAC) mailing list.

We have 3 important news items to share:

- 1) **SNAC has a new email address: snac@lbpearson.ca**
[versus snac@lbpearson.qc.ca previously].

We invite you to send us your questions, comments and suggestions.

- 2) **The SNAC Annual General Meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 16, at 7pm, at the School Board**
[1925 Brookdale Avenue, Dorval].

SNAC's role is to advise the School Board on matters pertaining to students with Special Needs. The new Parent Representatives will be elected at this meeting. Please consider either joining the committee, or attending to vote for the representatives that you feel will best represent the parents throughout the school board.

- 3) **NEW: Special Needs Parent Representative on Governing Board**

Last June, SNAC and the Central Parents Committee (CPC) recommended that a new position be proposed: a Special Needs Parent Representative on Governing Board (GB).

This Fall, every school will decide whether they would like to establish this position on their Governing Board.

The role of this parent representative will be to:

- Like all GB members, make decisions in the best interests of all students at their school;
- Serve as a contact for parents of students with special needs at their school;
- Interface with the Special Needs Advisory Committee at the school board;
- Bring ideas and feedback from the parents at their school to the SNAC committee at the school board;
- Bring information from the school board SNAC committee back to their school.

This position will only be created at your school if the parents who attend in person the school's Annual General Assembly approve the decision.

Please consider attending your school's Annual General Assembly [usually in early-mid September] to support the creation of this position.

Candidates who are interested in nominating themselves for this position can contact their School Principal, Governing Board Chairperson, or complete a Nomination Form that should be provided to all parents prior to the Annual General Assembly. Any parent of a child with an IEP is eligible, including parents who are currently GB members.

If you have any questions, please contact us. Thank you, and I wish you an excellent school year!

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