

 <p>Special Needs Advisory Committee</p> <p>http://snac.lbpsb.qc.ca/</p> <p>Email: snac@lbpearson.ca [NEW!]</p>	<p>SNAC Report to the Council of Commissioners, Parents' Committees and Education Committees</p> <p>August 31, 2015</p> <p>Page 1 of 1</p>
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SNAC did not have a formal meeting during the summer, but has the following important news items to share:

1) SNAC has a NEW Email address: snac@lbpearson.ca

SNAC's email address was changed during the summer months [versus snac@lbpearson.qc.ca previously]. An inquiry was made with LBPSB IT to investigate whether messages sent to the previous address could be forwarded to the new one during a transition period, since much of SNAC's existing documentation refers to the old email address. SNAC invites parents of students with special needs to email us their questions, comments and suggestions.

2) Annual Reports: The [SNAC Annual Report](#) and [QESEC \[Quebec English Special Education Commissioners\] Annual Report](#) were approved. Both groups are to be commended for their hard work supporting and advocating for families of students with special needs.

3) The SNAC Annual General Meeting: Wednesday, September 16, 2015, 7pm at the 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 an IEP are invited to nominate themselves for a position on SNAC, and encouraged to attend to elect their representatives. [The flyer](#) to advertise this event has been updated with SNAC's new email address. SNAC has requested that Administration distribute these flyers electronically at all schools.

4) Special Needs Parent Representative on Governing Board

Last June, SNAC and the Central Parents Committee (CPC) approved 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 level;

GB Chairs were sent an AGM Kit in June, and requested to propose this position at every school's Annual General Assembly in September. It requires approval by the majority of parents in attendance.

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 as well as new parents who are joining GB. All parents are encouraged to get involved!

If you have any questions, please [contact us](#). We wish all of our families an excellent school year!

Respectfully submitted,

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