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Meeting Attendance:

The SNAC meeting of October 21st was very well attended by 17 SNAC members, and 2 members of the public. Members representing outside committees, unions and associations included: M.-E. Claude of S.S.D., D. Olivenstein from Council of Commissioners, R. Gilmartin of I.A.S.S., M. Hunt of P.E.P., and A. Tennant of P.T.U.

SNAC Constitution and Membership:

Due to increased interest in the committee, the SNAC Constitution was updated to increase the number of parent members. As a result, 2 new parents were elected, and have joined SNAC in the role of Alternate with 1-year terms.

Major School Change:

The committee has reviewed the Brief that was submitted by SNAC last June, and is pleased with its content. No additions will be submitted.

SNAC Workshop Ideas for 2015-2016:

SNAC would like to host a follow-up to last year's popular IEP workshop that would be based on a parent-to-parent questions and answers format. A sub-committee was created to establish the content and format of the workshop, with a target date early in 2016.

Another potential workshop will be considered later in the year on the topic of "transitioning from elementary to high school for special needs students".

Special Needs Representative on Governing Board:

SNAC will be contacting CPC to follow-up on the optional Special Needs parent representative position that was introduced last June and presented at some school AGMs this fall in order to determine how many of these positions were established. A Q&A document to clarify the role of this position is under development.

SNAC Email Address Change:


The new SNAC email address is snac@lbpearson.ca. SNAC has printed labels with the updated email address to be applied to the 500 new IEP kits. The committee is grateful to the students of the LIFE program, who will apply the labels to the kits, and hope to have them ready for distribution to new students receiving IEPs at the next reporting session. Approximately 1350 SNAC pamphlets will also need to be updated with labels listing the new email address. SNAC has requested support from in-school Administrators to communicate the email address change to parents via school newsletters and websites.

Enrollment Criteria Policy Consultation:

Members will review the Policy and SNAC responses to the Consultation from previous years, and will discuss a potential response next month.

Contract Negotiations:

The PTU, IASS and PEP representatives to SNAC provided an update on recent votes to support a strike mandate. The committee was advised that negotiations with the teacher's union have begun to improve as a result of public pressure from parent groups.

 <p>The logo for the Special Needs Advisory Committee (SNAC) features a central circle of colorful human figures in various colors (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple). Above the figures, the acronym 'SNAC' is written in large, bold, black letters. Below the figures, the full name 'Special Needs Advisory Committee' is written in a smaller, black font. To the left of the figures, there is a small circular emblem with the text 'LBPSB' and 'Special Needs' around it.</p>	<p>Please visit our website: http://snac.lbpsb.qc.ca</p> <p>NOTE New Email address: snac@lbpearson.ca</p>	<p>SNAC Report to the Council of Commissioners, Parents' Committees and Education Committees</p> <p>From SNAC Meeting of October 21, 2015 Page 2 of 2</p>
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SNAC Website:

The website had 357 hits in the two week period of September 30th to October 21st. There were also 22 views of the archived webcasts of previous parent workshops offered by SNAC.

Correspondence and Upcoming Events:

- 1) November 8th: "All Abilities Expo": <http://www.expotouteshabiletés.com>
- 2) November 13th: Light a Dream Fundraiser: Casino Night and Auction:
<http://www.eventbrite.ca/e/2015-light-a-dream-casino-night-and-auction-tickets-18505647891>
- 3) November 18th: WIAIH sponsored presentation: "What is an Estate, a Will and a Trust":
<http://wiah.qc.ca/info-session-what-estate-will-and-trust>

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 18th, 2015 at 7pm at the school board, Room 219/221 upstairs. The meeting will begin with a presentation by Cindy Finn, Director of Student Services, on the topic of "Educating Students with Special Needs in Quebec". All parents of students with IEPs are welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

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