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Meeting Attendance:

The SNAC meeting of September 30th was very well attended by 17 SNAC members. Members representing outside committees that were present included: M.-E. Claude of S.S.D., M.-A. Davis and D. Olivenstein from Council of Commissioners, R. Gilmartin of I.A.S.S., M. Hunt of P.E.P., D. Martire of P.A.S.A., and A. Tennant of P.T.U.

SNAC Executive Committee and External Representatives 2015-2016:

SNAC parent members nominated and elected the executive committee members: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

In addition to the executive committee, other members also took on formal roles within SNAC: Recording Secretary, Webmaster and assistants to the webmaster.

Finally, parent members were designated as external committee representatives to the Council of Commissioners, Central Parents Committee, Education and QESEC (Quebec English Special Education Commissioners).

SNAC Constitution and Membership:

During the SNAC AGM of September 16th, an unprecedented number of parents put themselves forward to be nominated for positions as members of the committee. Due to the obvious surge in interest of parents to be more involved in Special Needs issues, SNAC has decided to increase their parent membership by one additional voting member (from 7 to 8) and one additional alternate member (from 4 to 5). The Constitution is being updated to reflect these changes.

SNAC Budget for 2015-2016:

The SNAC Budget was established by the Council of Commissioners at \$2000.00 for the school year. This is approximately what was spent by the committee last year to finance the IEP Workshop and the creation of 500 new IEP Kits. The committee is grateful for the budget approval and is committed to spending the money wisely and in the best interest of students with special needs and their parents.

SNAC Workshop Ideas for 2015-2016:


SNAC had a great deal of success with the IEP workshop that the committee put on last year. This year members will look into the possibility of hosting another IEP workshop that would focus in on some of the questions raised by last year's workshop. If two workshops are held, the topic of "transitioning from elementary to high school for special needs students" is another popular idea.

Special Needs Representative on Governing Board:

A discussion took place to follow up on the recommendation that SNAC had made wherein each Governing Board consider having the optional position of parent representative for special needs. SNAC has requested contact information via Administration for schools that have adopted this idea. It was recommended that SNAC revisit this idea in tandem with CPC to ensure that we are all on the same page with regard to the idea and to come up with additional strategies to raise awareness of the optional position at the Governing Board level.

SNAC Email Address:

The SNAC email address changed over the summer and the committee was not advised of the change. We have published the new email address (snac@lbpearson.ca) via the SNAC website, however adjustments will need to be made to the 500 new IEP kits that had recently been printed for the beginning of this school year, as well as the remaining SNAC pamphlets. The committee is looking into ways to put labels with the new email

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address on all of the documents as soon as possible so we can still share the IEP kits with the parents of students with special needs who have recently joined LBPSB.

SNAC MSC Brief:

The committee reviewed the MSC brief that was presented by last year's committee in June of 2015. It was discussed that the new committee could still provide another brief with any additional information that we felt we missed in last year's brief. At this time, no additional suggestions were made that would merit the drafting of another brief.

SNAC Website:

The website was visited frequently over the summer, as there were 2307 hits to the main page from June 2nd, 2015 until September 30th, 2015. There were also 125 views to the webcasts during this period.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 21st at 7pm at the school board.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sandra Buckingham, LBPSB Parent Commissioner for Special Needs 2014-2016