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Meeting Attendance:

The SNAC meeting of February 17th was attended by 16 SNAC members and 2 members of the public. Members representing outside committees, unions and associations included: D. Olivenstein of Council of Commissioners, M.-E. Claude of S.S.D., E. Oolsthorn of S.S.D., R. Gilmartin of I.A.S.S., M. Hunt of P.E.P., D. Martire of P.A.S.A., and F. Kesic of W.I.A.I.H.

Special Presentation—LBPSB Budget Allocation Process:

Carol Heffernan, LBPSB Assistant Director General, and France Daoust, LBPSB Director of Finance, attended the SNAC meeting to deliver a special budget presentation to the committee. The LBPSB is in deficit of \$1.6 million for the 2015-2016 school year, and they are expected by MEESR to balance the budget for 2016-2017. This is the reason for the recent MSC process. Ms. Heffernan explained that it is a significant challenge for the School Board to maintain the desired level of service and support to students in the classrooms in light of the significant “Recurring Negative Adjustments” and recent additional budget cuts from MEESR. Of particular interest to SNAC is that there was an additional cut to special needs funding of \$764,874.00 for this year. Moreover, the grant that supports integration was cut from \$886,000.00 from the previous year to \$348,000.00 for this year. These cuts will have ramifications for students with special needs and the types of supports they receive. SNAC would like to thank Ms. Heffernan for her informative presentation.

Major School Change—Transition Plan Document:

On November 17th, 2015, three SNAC members participated in the MSC Public Hearing in Verdun. One of the primary recommendations of SNAC was that the school board commit to preparing a written plan of action, with input from parents and students concerned, to help with transitions for those students with special needs that are affected by the MSC process. SNAC has finalized the document and has been sent it to Council for its consideration. Please view the SNAC Recommendations for MSC Transition Plans here:

<http://snac.lbpsb.qc.ca/eng/extra/img/173SNACtransitionplanrecommendations2016.pdf>

SNAC IEP Parent-to-Parent Workshop from February 2nd, 2016:


SNAC hosted an IEP workshop entitled “An IEP Journey: A Parent to Parent Perspective” on February 2nd that had over 70 participants from a variety of schools throughout the board. The organizing committee received a great deal of positive feedback from the parents who attended the session. As follow-up, an “IEP Questions & Answers” document will be posted on the SNAC website after March break to share all of the information that was explored in the different sessions. SNAC is looking into the possibility of holding a follow-up meeting for parents in April or May.

Bill 86:

SNAC members have been directed to the CPC website for further information regarding the Bill 86 Parent Sessions that have been offered by CPC.

LBPSB Budget Consultation:

SNAC will review the 2016-2017 Budget Consultation documents and provide a response by the March 31st deadline.

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Contract Negotiations:

PTU announced that “work to rule” has been rescinded.

Correspondence:

SNAC received an email from a parent inquiring if both parents can provide input to an IEP even in the case where only one parent has custody. Administration informed us about the difference between “custody” versus “parental rights”. As long as the parents “parental rights” have not been removed from the court, then yes they can request to be informed about IEPs and report cards and they can meet with school staff regarding their child. It was noted that these situations can be a little tricky if both parents want different things for their child.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, March 16th, 2016 at 7pm at the school board, Room 219/221 upstairs.

All parents of students with IEPs are welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Brett Hillgartner, Chairperson, LBPSB Special Needs Advisory Committee 2015-2016

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