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Meeting Attendance:

The SNAC meeting of March 16th was attended by 17 SNAC members and 1 member of the public. Members representing outside committees, unions and associations included: D. Olivenstein of Council of Commissioners, C. Finn of S.S.D., M.-E. Claude of S.S.D., E. Oolsthorn of S.S.D., R. Gilmartin of I.A.S.S., and M. Hunt of P.E.P.

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. As follow-up, an “IEP Questions & Answers” document was created and is now available on the SNAC website. We encourage parents to refer to this document when they have questions about the IEP process, or would like to review some tips and tricks:

<http://snac.lbpsb.qc.ca/eng/extra/img/177SNACParenttoParentIEPInformationExchangeQA.pdf>

LBPSB Budget Consultation:

The SNAC response to the LBPSB was approved and will be submitted by March 31, 2016. Please find the SNAC response here:

<http://snac.lbpsb.qc.ca/eng/extra/img/179SNACBudgetConsultationResponse2016-2017.pdf>

Presentation to SNAC on "Cooking with Autonomy":

SNAC will receive a special presentation on the new “Cooking with Autonomy” program that is offered by LBPSB. The presentation will take place at the start of the next SNAC meeting on April 20th, 2016.

LBPSB 5-year Strategic Plan Consultation:


SNAC recognizes the importance of the 5-year Strategic Plan, specifically for the future planning and success of our students with special needs. While an initial discussion took place, SNAC members have yet to tackle the “6 Guiding Questions” as provided by the school board. The next SNAC meeting takes place on April 20th, after the April 15th deadline for response. The committee members felt strongly that a consultation of this level of importance should be discussed in person at the next SNAC meeting and not via email. Therefore, SNAC members approved a decision to submit a request to Council requesting an extension of the April 15th deadline until May 6th, 2016. Please see the attached letter:

<http://snac.lbpsb.qc.ca/eng/extra/img/180SNACLetterRequestingExtensionto5-YRStrategicPlanConsultationMarch202016-Final.pdf>

Parent conference on April 17th by the Montreal Centre for Learning Disabilities:

SNAC approved to send 4 members to attend the “2016 Parent Conference: Tool Box to Success”. The conference is open to both parents and educators and will cover topics such as: anxiety in children, impact of sensory processing abilities, adolescent gaming, drugs and alcohol use, understanding assistive technology, ADHD and daily management for parents, strategies for building language skills, and understanding disabilities to help build social competence. For more information:

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ebv39rxief27e768&llr=hlz9vblab>

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Bill 86 Update:

SNAC members were informed that many stakeholders in education have submitted briefs, and many key players are participating in the hearings. Special mention was given to the presentation by the “Coalition de parents d’enfants a besoins particuliers” who presented many of the same ideas that had been recommended by SNAC and QESEC last year. Their hearing may be viewed here:

<http://www.assnat.qc.ca/en/video-audio/archives-parlementaires/travaux-commissions/AudioVideo-63629.html>

Given that most of the member groups of SNAC have submitted briefs through their associations, including Administrators, Teachers and Commissioners, the committee decided not to submit a brief on behalf of SNAC. However, upon request of several parents, a brief was prepared in order to specifically reflect the voice of Parents of Students with IEPs. The brief does not tackle Bill 86 as a whole, but reflects SNAC’s recommendations from last year regarding increasing the representation of parents of students with IEPs at every level throughout the school board. The brief has been shared throughout the special needs parent network on an informal basis, from parent to parent. At time of writing, the brief has received supporting signatures from parents of students with IEPs from 25 LBPSB Elementary Schools and 9 LBPSB High Schools.

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“My Life, My Path, My Pace”: A conference for young adults with developmental disabilities on April 16th, 2016, featuring Keynote Speaker Benoit Huot, Paralympic Gold Medalist:

<https://www.facebook.com/PACEConference/photos/a.942340549154354.1073741829.925126980875711/942340262487716/?type=3&theater>

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, April 20th, 2016 at 7pm at the school board, Room 219/221 upstairs, beginning with a special presentation on Cooking with Autonomy.

All parents of students with IEPs are welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

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