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Meeting Attendance:

The SNAC meeting of April 20th was well attended by 19 SNAC members and 3 members 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. Olsthoorn of S.S.D., F. Kesic of W.I.A.I.H., D. Martire of P.A.S.A., R. Gilmartin of I.A.S.S, A. Tenant of P.T.U., and M. Hunt of P.E.P.

Presentation to SNAC on "Cooking with Autonomy":

SNAC received a special presentation on the new "Cooking with Autonomy" program that is offered by LBPSB. All schools can access this ESD/SSD joint program to develop independent cooking skills while encouraging good nutrition.

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. At the previous SNAC meeting, members voted to request an extension to submit a response to the 5-year Strategic Plan Consultation so that members could have an in-person meeting to prepare a response. The Plan was discussed at length and a detailed response will be submitted to Council by May 6th, 2016.

Bill 86 Update:


A Bill 86 brief was prepared and sent to MELS on behalf of a group of concerned LBPSB parents of students with IEPs. The suggestions in the brief received widespread support from parents throughout LBPSB, with a total of 126 parents of students with special needs from 33 elementary schools, 11 high schools and 1 vocational school. 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 committee members were interested to learn that many of the suggestions of this brief were echoed by briefs submitted by other Special Needs advocacy groups. The brief is available on the CPC website: <http://cpc.lbpsb.qc.ca/documents1516/Bill86/Bill-86-SN-Parents-Brief-2016-04-04.pdf>

IEP Parent on Governing Board:

As a result of SNAC's and CPC's efforts last year, a new role of IEP Parent Representative on Governing Board was introduced this year. SNAC is aware of 9 Elementary and 3 High School representatives that have been elected to their GBs. A Q&A document to clarify the role of this position was prepared by SNAC and shared with CPC for the purposes of responding to questions that have been raised by various GBs. This issue will be discussed at the Joint Regional Parents' Committee Meeting on April 21st, and it is the hope that SNAC can work together with CPC to further the adoption of this proposed position at even more schools in the future.

Upcoming LBPSB Consultations:

SNAC will be providing a response to the 3-year Plan of Allocation and Destinations of Immovables, however, it was determined by the committee that a response would not be necessary for the Consultation on By-law 1 and By-law 1E.

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Sensitivity Training:

The Committee discussed the need for sensitivity training on Special Needs for staff, students and at the Governing Board level. There are instances where issues regarding special needs are poorly dealt with due to ignorance of an individual or group. It is believed that sensitivity training could help prevent a certain amount of these problems from arising.

SNAC AGM Date for September 2016:

It was determined that the SNAC AGM would be held on September 14th, 2016. Posters will be created and distributed to help advertise the event at each school.

Questions from the Public:

A parent visitor suggested that an opt-in model should be created at every school to enable parents with special needs to easily receive information about SNAC activities, as well as create school-level special needs parent networking groups.

Correspondence:

SNAC received an invitation to screening of the film "Most Likely to Succeed" on April 30th:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/public-screening-of-the-award-winning-film-most-likely-to-succeed-tickets-24404757286>

Yaldei Development Centre's 2016 Fundraiser "Let's Roll for Kids" Bike-a-Thon on June 5th:
<http://www.isupportyaldei.org/?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=529&language=en>

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, May 18th, 2016 at 7pm at the school board, Room 219/221 upstairs. We are waiting for confirmation of a possible special presentation on Work Oriented Training Programs (WOTP).

All parents of students with IEPs are welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

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Angela Berryman, Vice-Chairperson, LBPSB Special Needs Advisory Committee 2015-2016