

Special Needs Advisory Committee

Wednesday June 1, 2011

1925 Brookdale, Dorval

Presentation: Deb Kellman and Mona Segal from DM Family and School Services

Minutes

Ester Maturi called the meeting to order at 8:06 p.m.

In attendance: Celina Bérubé, Jennifer DiMarco, Margo Edwards, Judy Kelley, Evelyn Lockett, Ester Maturi, Daniel Olivenstein, Sean O'Reilly, Kiley Philp, Barbara Schnider, Joanne Simoneau-Polenz

Regrets: Sandra Buckingham, Cindy Finn, Helen Finn, Christopher Fuzessy, Denise Kovalchuk, Myriam Rabbat, Douglas Stewart

Observers: None

Minutes recorded by Sean O'Reilly

1.0 Additions to the Agenda

None

1.1 Approval of Agenda

It was moved Ester Maturi, seconded by Barbara Schnider, and unanimously resolved that the Agenda of June 1, 2011 be approved.

2.0 Corrections to Minutes of April 27th, 2011

None

2.1 Approval of Minutes of April 27th, 2011

It was moved by Jennifer DiMarco, seconded by Barbara Schnider, and unanimously resolved that the Minutes of April 27, 2011 be approved.

3.0 Business Arising

3.1 SNAC Website Update (link from School pages)

The schools have incorporated a link to the SNAC site on their individual websites. A link with the SNAC logo will be further examined as finding the SNAC link can be difficult when each school has the link in a different location. In the future, the SNAC link will be very helpful for advertising of events and meetings.

3.2 SNAC Report to Region

The SNAC representative may report on upcoming events. A formal report is not required from the representative.

3.3 Consultation : *Appropriate Use of Digital Communications & Technologies*

Responses to this consultation are due June 6th. The SNAC response is to include points on how to use technology constructively.

4.0 Reports

4.1 Administration

Report by Joanne Simoneau-Polenz

Administration is busy getting ready for the upcoming school year, as well as closing the books for the 2010-2011 school year with the fiscal year ending June 30th.

New students with special needs are being visited at home and at their current schools, and daycares by student services professionals.

Exams are starting in elementary and secondary schools. One campus of the REACH program will be relocating from Maple Grove in Lachine to St. Lawrence Junior in Lasalle.

4.2 Council of Commissioners

Report by Daniel Olivenstein.

Written report was distributed and questions were answered.

4.3 Central Parents' Committee

Written report was distributed and questions were answered.

4.4 Education Committee

Daniel Olivenstein will forward a report to committee members.

4.5 P.T.U.- NO REPRESENTATIVE

4.6 P.A.S.A.-

No report

4.7 Professionals

Report by Celina Bérubé

Handouts were provided for various camps with specific programs for children with special needs (Trails of Summer Day Camp and Camera Roll Camp)

Changes will be coming with IEP's and new report cards. The changes should be in place by Fall 2011 in some pilot schools, so teachers and administrators will be meeting to discuss and plan for these changes.

The consultants are busy dealing with exams and the modifications and/or adaptations required for students with special needs. The elementary resource network is examining materials and preparing workshops concerning bullying.

4.8 IASS-

Report by Margo Edwards

IASS elections recently took place. The union is still waiting to see if all Special Education Technicians will have their hours increased from 25 hours per week to 30 hours per week.

4.9 Treasurer's Report

Report by Denise Kovalchuk

It was pointed out that any and all receipts for reimbursement have to be submitted prior to June 30, 2011.

5.0 New Business

5.1 SNAC Elections 2011-2012

SNAC Elections to be held on September 28th, 2011. Boardroom will be booked for this date.

5.2 Process and timeline for allocating support services to students with special needs.

Deferred to September meeting

6.0 Correspondence

6.1 An Invitation to SNAC Members to attend the CPC Volunteer Recognition Event which will be held on June 7th from 6:30 to 9:30 at the Head Office of the School Board

7.0 Varia

Connie Held will be the Commissioner Representative on the SNAC committee for 2011-2012

8.0 Adjournment

It was moved by Ester Maturi, seconded by Jennifer DiMarco, and unanimously resolved to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm