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Addition of 3 SNAC Parent Representatives

Since the SNAC AGA, discussions took place with administration and the outgoing parent commissioner for special needs S. Buckingham regarding the loss of SNAC alternate positions and thus 5 parent members. It was made clear following the SNAC AGM that a number of parents of students on IEPs were waiting to put their names forward for these 1 year alternate terms that SNAC has had for several years. Parents commented after the AGM how they were surprised when the offer didn't present itself. It was explained by administration and Genevieve Dugre that alternate positions are contrary to the education act.

The incoming SNAC Chair J. DiMarco was given permission to offer the additional 3 parents that had put their names forward to be selected to the SNAC Committee at the AGM a parent position on the committee. The chair reached out to these 3 parents on October 10th, 2016 and all 3 agreed to come onto the committee. These 3 new parent committee members are K. Robinson, C. Houthuys, T. Gagnon. This brings the SNAC parent membership up to 11 members.

Special SNAC Constitution Discussion: Guest: Genevieve Dugré (Director General LBPSB)

Mme Dugré was invited to review and explain the mandate of SNAC as per the Education Act and also SNAC's constitution.

Articles 185,186 and187 of the Education Act pertain to SNAC and can be found here:

<http://legisquebec.gouv.qc.ca/en/ShowDoc/cs/l-13.3>

S.Buckingham, outgoing parent commissioner for students with special needs read from resolution #98-11-16 approved by the Council of Commissioners: "THAT approval be given to the setting at 13 of the number of parents on the committee on services for handicapped students and students with social maladjustments or learning disabilities ("Special Needs Advisory Committee")"

A lengthy discussion took place at the table and ended where SNAC will take the time over several meetings to review and edit its current constitution.

IEP Parent Representative on Governing Board:

All schools have now had their AGAs and elected their governing board members. Each school was invited to vote if they would like one of their governing board members be the IEP parent representative on their governing board.

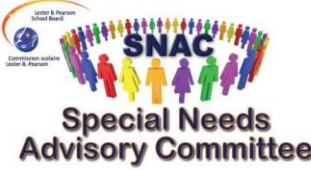
As of October 2016, the IEP parent representatives known to SNAC are confirmed at the following **6** schools:

Beacon Hill Dorset Dorval Lindsay Place Mount Pleasant Riverdale HS

If you know of any other schools that have elected to have this position, please have them reach out to us so we may gather their contact information.

Parents' Committee - SNAC Membership Approval

On October 16, 2016 at the LBPSB Parents' Committee the 11 parent members selected as SNAC members were officially approved. Later in the meeting, PC elected their 4 parent commissioners for 2016-2018. SNAC parent member Angela Berryman put her name forward for the position of Commissioner Representing Special Needs Parents and was elected. It is a 2 year term and her mandate will begin in November 2016.

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SNAC Budget for 2016-2017:

The SNAC Budget was established by the Council of Commissioners at \$2000. 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 Ideas for the 2016-2017 Committee:

SNAC has had a great deal of success with workshops for parents of children on an IEP in past years. SNAC is currently brainstorming ideas on projects to complete this year that are within their mandate and also how to create more awareness to parents that the committee exists.

SNAC Website:

The website was visited frequently over the summer, as there were 2976 hits to the main page and 210 webcast hits since May 2016. SNAC members and meeting dates have been updated on the website.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 2th at 7pm at the LBPSB Head Office Rooms 219/221

Dr. Cindy Finn has been invited to present on "Educating Students with Special needs in Quebec".

Please note: this is a special additional meeting as the committee will not be meeting in December

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair of the LBPSB Special Needs Advisory Committee 2016-2017