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Special Needs Advisory Committee Lester B. Pearson School Board

Minutes of the Meeting – March 22, 2017

Held at Lester B. Pearson School Board 1925 Brookdale, Dorval, Room 219/221

In Attendance: Angela Berryman, Jennifer DiMarco, Cindy Finn (S.S.D.), Kathy Robinson, , Stephanie Shaffer, Maureen Hunt (P.E.P), Marie-Eve Claude (S.S.D.), Arlene Tennant, Erik Olsthoorn (S.S.D.), Sheila Moody, Robert Gilmartin (I.A.S.S.), Donnalynn Rainey, Wayne Clifford (Commissioner)

Regrets: Danny Olivenstein (Commissioner), Theresa Gagnon, Christine McLean, Kiley Philp, Franca Kesic (W.I.A.I.H), Christine McLean, Diana Martire (P.A.S.A), Samantha Marco, Carrie-Ann Houthuys

Recording Secretary: Kathy Robinson

Observers: none

Jennifer DiMarco - called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm

1. Confirmation of Quorum: Quorum confirmed by Jennifer DiMarco

2.0 Additions to Agenda:

2.1 Approval of Agenda:

Agenda was approved with the 6.2 addition to discuss Autism Action Plan Announcement

MOTION to approve Angela Berryman
MOTION carried by unanimous vote.

3.0 Corrections to Minutes of February 15, 2017

3.1 Approval of Minutes of February 16, 2017

approved the minutes, seconded by.

MOTION to approve Angela Berryman
MOTION carried by unanimous vote.

4.0 Questions from the Public: None

5.0 Business Arising

5.1 Budget Consultation Response: finalize the response due March 31, 2017

Changes suggested and added into the document.

MOTION to approve Stephanie Shaffer

MOTION carried by unanimous vote.

5.2 SNAC Mandate and Composition: discussion on numbers

13 parent representatives, 17 total total members. Suggestion to create a letter with our document to give justification. Discussion on if we should we increase our community representatives.

5.3 Transition to High School Parent to Parent Evening planning committee:

April 27 has been reserved in the boardroom.

Document available to be updated. Sheila, Stephanie, Angela, Kathy, Donnalynn and Jenn to be working together on plan.

April 4th there is a WOTP info session. Jennifer will attend and gather the new WOTP paperwork.

Donnalynn will gather pamphlets for community programs that may be of interest.

Discussion: Request board provide someone to explain WOTP and graduation path? Emotional preparation?

Plan needs to be together within 2 weeks to be ready for presentation.

Two subcommittee meetings have been created to get the ideas and presentation on the right path.

5.4 IEP parent representative on governing board forms:

Kathy Robinson has been updating them.

Suggested additional document: "Now that you are an IEP parent rep on GB what next?"

Suggested to have a tab specific for this position on the SNAC website. Jennifer DiMarco will create it and begin to move documents over.

5.5 Advising on the implementation of an IEP

Discussion on how SNAC will do this as according to the law, should we receive this request from a parent, we will likely have to turn that part of the meeting into an in camera or closed meeting. Also, we can only report back to the school board and not the parent. Finally, we will not have all of the information as each child and their IEP is unique to their situation at that moment in time - hence why it is called and individualized

education plan. Most important to refer the parents to the complaint procedure.

6.0 New Business

6.1 Bi-law 5 Consultation on Commissioner's Code of Ethics:

Introduction and Discussion

http://www.lbpsb.qc.ca/eng/admin/news_scroll/extra/img/46BYLAW5_CodeofEthicsandConduDRAFT.pdf

School board is asking for feedback by April 29th - please have your input prepared for the April SNAC meeting.

6.2 Announcement of Quebec's Autism Action Plan

The Quebec Government shared its Autism Action Plan, announcing \$29 million every year over the next five years to improve autism services and reduce waiting lists for certain services, including specialized therapy for young children, by 45 percent. The Plan will include 39 measures that will allow 500 more Quebec children with autism to receive early treatment. Click here for more details

<http://publications.msss.gouv.qc.ca/msss/document-001828/>

Breakdown of the Autism Action Plan:

- \$11.2M to increase rehabilitation services and intensive behavioural intervention for young children 0-5;
- \$5M to increase adaptation services for children and youth from 6-18 years of age;
- \$3M to increase socioprofessional, community and rehabilitation services for youth and young adults 18 years of age and up;
- \$3.8M to create new respite spaces and financial support for families; and
- \$6M for specialized support for children, youth and adults with autism in their living environment and for the development of residential services

An additional \$1.25 million will go to research, training and producing autism intervention tools.

SNAC has decided to create and send a letter of thanks and acknowledgement.

Maureen and Stephanie will draft a letter.

7.0 Reports

7.1 SNAC Report to Parents Committee, Programs and Services and Council (Jen D.)

In kit and posted on the external reports section of the SNAC website

<http://snac.lbpsb.qc.ca/eng/ExternalReports/page.asp>

7.2 Administration (Dr. Cindy Finn) In the kit

7.3 Council of Commissioners (Danny Olivenstein and Wayne Clifford) In the kit

7.4 Special Needs Parent Commissioner Report (Angela Berryman)

No report

7.5 Parents' Committee (Jennifer DiMarco)

Last meeting was held March 2nd, 2017. Stephanie Schaffer attended on SNAC's behalf. 20 of 48 member schools were represented. Meeting Summary (MSR) Report in kit. There was a presentation on the Quebec Sexuality Education Pilot Program. The first Parent2Parent Newsletter was sent out on March 1st and sent to all families within LBPSB through the ERMS system. SNAC was represented. Please refer to the PCs new website or their facebook page for up to date news <http://parents.lbpsb.qc.ca/Portals/cpctest/PC-newsletter-MARCH-2017-FINAL.pdf>

7.6 Programs and Services (Kiley Philp)

Kiley Philp was absent, no report submitted.

7.7 P.T.U (Arlene Tennant)

Discussion: It is difficult to get substitute integration aides in some of our off island schools. Screenings for this position are done year round.

7.8 P.A.S.A (Diana Martire)

Diana Martire was absent. No report was submitted

7.10 Professionals P.E.P. (Maureen Hunt)

Reviewing consultation report

7.11 I.A.S.S. (Robert Gilmartin)

Nothing to report

7.12 Treasurer's Report (Sheila Moody)

Discussion: childcare – fall under expenses to run the meeting. We will be using funds for our April event. Workshops can also be expensed should they be special needs related and the attendee provide a written report and share materials with the group. Jennifer has an outline that can be used.

7.13 Communication Liason's Report (Jennifer DiMarco)

From February 16- March 22 there have been 389 main page hits and 24 webcast hits.

Jennifer DiMarco has followed up with the home and school who asked SNAC parent member(s) come and speak on the topic of IEPs from a parent perspective at their home and school meeting. They will get back to us with the specific date after their March meeting. They are aiming for May.

8.0 Correspondence

Pearson Educational Foundation Comedy Night Fundraiser - March 31st 8pm
Lakeside Academy \$25 per ticket - Limited Tickets <http://pef.lbpsb.qc.ca/comedy.htm>

Evening for Students and Parents in Grade 5 and 6 - Partners in Prevention Committee
March 28 at Westwood Jr. or April 26 at Riverdale
http://parents.lbpsb.qc.ca/Portals/cpctest/AMAZING_ADVENTURE_Invitation2017.pdf

Autism Speaks Walk May 28 Tomlinson Fieldhouse McGill University
FREE to register a team. Walk begins at 11am and ends at 12:30pm

9.0 Varia

Discussion of sharing research with public. ie. McGill, Concordia

http://publications.msss.gouv.qc.ca/msss/fichiers/2016/16-824-06W_tableau_synthese.pdf

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10.0 Questions from the Public

None

11.0 Adjournment

Upon a motion set by Robert Gilmartin then seconded by Angela Berryman.
The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday April 19th, 2017 (7:00PM) in room 219/221.