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Parent to Parent Transition to High School Information Night:

On April 27 SNAC held its Parent to Parent Information Night in the main boardroom. The topic this year was on transitioning your child with special needs to high school. Over double the expected amount of parents attended. There was a very positive response from parents and staff members alike.

Over 40 parents took part from 13 different schools: Allion, Beacon Hill, Beaconsfield HS, Beechwood, Beurling, Christmas Park, Dorset, Edgewater, Kingsdale Academy, Margaret Manson, Sherbrooke Academy, St John Fisher and Vanguard.

The Q&A document from the event will be up at the end of May beginning of June.

Consultations: SNAC finalized and approved its response to the Consultation of By-Law 9A and By-Law 9B, Complaint Examination Procedure. SNACs Final approved version can be found here:

<http://snac.lbpsb.qc.ca/eng/extra/img/223FINALSNACcomplaintexaminationprocedureresponse.pdf>


Request to Council to approve the Membership Composition and Mandate of SNAC:

A clarification in the letter was made and it was revoted on. A final draft has been approved and submitted to council requesting approval. The final draft can be found here:

<http://snac.lbpsb.qc.ca/eng/extra/img/227SNACRequestforCounciltoapprovethemandateandcompositionoftheSpecialNeedsAdvisoryCommitteeFINAL.pdf>

Designated Handicapped Parking Spaces at LBPSB Schools: Last month It was brought to SNACs attention that not all of the LBPSB schools have dedicated handicapped parking spaces in their parking lots or at the front of the schools. This makes it considerably difficult for persons with mobility issues who are entitled to park in these designated parking spots to access the schools. The SNAC PASA member looked into this on and informed us that handicapped parking spaces are not mandatory on the private property of the school. Schools are allowed to stay in the existing status so long as they do not touch the element – which in this case is the parking. The code will only apply should the school renovate.

Mini Day cancellation: It was confirmed that SNAC was misinformed last month. This was the final year for the mini day. It has been cancelled. Mini day was extremely useful for all students transitioning to high school but especially students with special needs. It allows them a half day in their actual future school, with their future teachers and future classmates. An opportunity to get the feel of being a student, learn about the cafeteria and the transitioning from one class to the next, lockers and much more. It helps the student develop a relationship with some of the

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staff and administration but also allows the staff an opportunity to get to know the student prior to the first day. Mini day has helped to alleviate some of the anxiety and the unknown for our students. All parent members on the SNAC committee were surprised and disappointed this decision has been made and look forward to hearing what will be replacing it.

New IEP layout for 2017-2018 Calendar Year:

Dr. Cindy Finn presented SNAC with a look at the new 2017-2018 IEP. Since IEPs are individual to each child, there is no “standard layout” to present, or that we could put up on the SNAC website.

The new changes for 2017-2018 are in the layout and spacing on the IEP as well as two key features. The HS IEP will be very similar to elementary school IEP.

At the top of the IEPs it will state:

Overview of education plan and the student’s program type.

Options will be:

- Program with adaptations only
- Program with adaptations and modifications
- Program with modifications only

In accordance with Bill 105 there is a statement of where families can go to register complaints.

The statement will read as follows:

“Complaints are to be addressed in accordance with the Lester B. Pearson School Board Complaint Examination Procedure”

Finally, under home communications the IEP will now specify which type of communication has been made with the family. There needs to be a minimum of 10 communications per school year. It will state the date and type of contact.

SNAC Website: There have been 625 main page hits and 22 webcast hits since our last meeting

SNAC AGA and Selection of New Parent Members for 2017-2018:

The SNAC AGA and selection of new SNAC parent members for the 2017-2018 school year is September 27, 2017. It will be held in the main boardroom at head office. Please share with your schools and committees. Posters will be sent to each school in the coming weeks. You can find the poster to share wide here:

<http://snac.lbpsb.qc.ca/eng/extra/img/228SNAC2017-2018FINALnoticeofSelectionPoster.pdf>