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SNAC Parent Information Evening

SNAC is in the process of organizing their Spring Parent Information Evening. The ***tentative date is set for Wednesday April 3rd, 2019 at 7pm in the boardroom of the LBPSB Head office***. We have chosen to focus on the topic of anxiety and are finalizing speakers. Please pencil in the date, the flyer with all of the finalized details will be available next month.


Ongoing Staff Training on Ped Days

SNAC members were very pleased to hear about all of the ongoing professional development that has been taking place on the recent ped days. Support staff received a presentation on understanding behaviour with learning disabilities. Teachers received training on a variety of topics including robotics, digital learning, coding, entrepreneurship grants and virtual reality in WOTP classrooms.

Questions received from the Public & Emails

Question 1: One of the parents wants to know more about the french exemption for high school graduation and how a child can qualify to receive it.

Response: The exemption for french is something that has to be brought up by the school team. It is often misunderstood and not simple - where if a student has a specific diagnosis it is automatic. The school team needs to build a case that shows that the student is capable of receiving their high school diploma, however despite all efforts taken, the student is unable to pass the necessary french exam in sec 5. If a student is modified in any other area or subject, they can not even apply for French exemption. If the school team has proven that all other effort has been made, they can then make the decision to apply for the exemption. The idea is to help a student get a diploma. It is specific to students doing well except for French as a second language. It is not a guarantee that their request will be granted. In fact, often students may still have to write the sec 5 french exam and then prove that it is too hard for them. The student has to do all they can and you must prove your case. It is a lengthy and not guaranteed as it is case by case. If there are any further questions, they can contact their child's school directly for more information.

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Question 2: Open houses are coming up is SNAC involved in some way with the open houses? There are always questions about supports and IEPs, is there additional information that could be broadcast to parents at open houses?

Response: SNAC has prepared an IEP resource kit as well as a pamphlet. Every year we put the word out to schools offering to help and be invited. In the past we have had tables in the gymnasium next to resource or in the library near the home and school tables. It is important to note that we are volunteers from this committee. We always defer special needs programming questions to resource or administration as each school is unique. The main goal of open houses are for the schools to broadcast their curriculum and the specific attributes to the schools.

Question 3: Is there currently representation on SNAC or at the board level specific for the needs of children on IEPs in Sport-Études programs? What is the change that SNAC can make to these programs for children on IEPs?

Response: The Special Needs Advisory Committee has representatives from different schools and levels of staff (teachers, principals, support staff, commissioners, professionals, the director general and more). We are able to make recommendations, however as an advisory committee we do not have power to directly make changes to a certain/specific program. Parents are selected in September from our Annual General Assembly and currently this year, we have 13 parent members from a variety of schools, both at the elementary and high school level. For more information on our membership please see the website <http://snac.lbpsb.qc.ca/eng/members/page.asp>.

Next SNAC Meeting will be held:

Wednesday February 20, 2019 at 6:30pm at LBPSB head office, 1925 Brookdale Avenue.
Please note: **this meeting will be closed to the public** as we have a special budget presentation by Mme France D'Aoust, Director of Financial Resources. We will then begin to focus on our budget consultation response.

Respectfully submitted,

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