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SNAC Parent Information Workshop - The I.E.P. Journey

**The I.E.P. Journey FREE Parent Information Night
Wednesday November 6 at 7pm LBPSB Head Office Boardroom**

SNAC is very pleased to have

the following consultants in inclusive education as presenters:

Nathalie Allain

Celina Bérubé

Jessica Davies

Kirsten Greb

Lise Leconte

Monique Thirlwell

This information session will address all things I.E.P.! What is an Individualized Education Plan or I.E.P.? What is the process for developing an I.E.P.? Who creates it? How are specific goals suggested by school personnel? What input and responsibility do parents have in its creation? We will address the difference between an adapted I.E.P. and a modified I.E.P. with specific examples for both elementary and high school students.

In addition, there will be a **full hour** dedicated to having parents questions on I.E.P.s answered by our consultants in inclusive education.

For the poster please see the following link:

<http://snac.lbpsb.qc.ca/eng/extra/img/314SNACNov62019ParentInfoSessionTheIEPJourneyFINAL.pdf> SNAC has asked that it be shared directly by the schools to their parent populations.

SNAC Annual Report from 2018-2019


SNAC members approved the annual report from last year. It can be found here:

<http://snac.lbpsb.qc.ca/eng/extra/img/315SNAC2018-2019AnnualReportApproved.pdf>

Discussion Points

SNAC opened two new discussion points this month and will continue the conversation at the November meeting.:

1. School Level Support Networks for Parents
2. I.E.P. monthly communication and challenges

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Extra Curricular Activities and Field Trip Cover Page - Addendum C

SNAC is very pleased to share that the supervision ratio on addendum C for field trips and extra curricular activities has been finally changed to reflect students receiving additional supervision / additional adults. This is something the SNAC committee has worked on for many years - having staff and governing boards consider the ratio for students with special needs on field trips and extra curricular activities. Thank you very much for making this change. It is our request that principals, staff and governing boards receive the proper training on this new form.

Questions received this month

- Several questions have come in asking about outside professionals coming into the schools to observe students or to work with them individually. Are they allowed into the school? Who makes that decision?
- How do students get more hours of therapy if their assessment indicates that it is required (speech therapy, occupational therapy) is individual therapy available?
- Questions regarding I.E.P. meetings - are they automatic or do parents have to request them?
- How are the teacher union representatives / principals rep etc decided
- What is the LIFE Program and Light a Dream?
- Is there a list available of all the programs for students with special needs at each school, especially at the high school level so parents can compare school programs when making their decisions?
- The new extra 20 minute recess in elementary school - how is it affecting our students with special needs?

Major School Change Consultation Response

SNAC has approved a response that focuses on transition planning for students with special needs in the event of a school change. It can be seen here:

<http://snac.lbpsb.qc.ca/eng/extra/img/317SNACMajorSchoolChangeConsultationResponseNov2019Approved.pdf>

Our next SNAC meeting will be held:

Wednesday November 20, 2019 at 6:45pm at LBPSB head office, 1925 Brookdale Ave

Respectfully submitted,

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