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SNAC Special Presentation TranXition Program

SNAC received a special presentation about the TranXition Program from Lethbridge-Layton-MacKay. They are currently seeking participants for their FREE Transition to Adulthood Program for students aged 15-25. It is an outstanding program for teens and young adults with a motor, visual, hearing or language disability.

The participants are supported by a team of interveners including an occupational therapist, two special care counsellors, a social worker, a career counsellor and a clinical coordinator. Areas they focus on are residential autonomy, socialization, work and studies and physical & mental well being. Group intervention is done in a real life setting out in the community...it is not simply clinical. There is also an optional parent/caregiver group that coincides once per month. They have a variety of group lengths (summer, 6 months, 12 months) for participants to choose from.

There is a referral process and they are looking for participants. Participants can be both already a client of the Lethbridge-Layton-MacKay center, or not. The goal is to support participants and their families along their transition to adulthood, in order to maximize social participation.

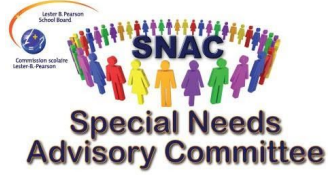
Referrals can come from school staff or resource teams as well as directly from parents. For those wanting more information on the referral process you can contact Virginie Cousineau the clinical coordinator at virginie.cousineau.mackay@sss.gouv.qc.ca

Letter to Minister of Education and Director General: SNAC's concerns regarding the extra 20 minute recess in elementary schools

SNAC created a letter outlining the concerns they have heard from staff and parents regarding the implementation of the extra 20 minute recess. The english version of our letter has been approved and can be found here:

<http://snac.lbpsb.qc.ca/eng/extra/img/321Copyof20minrecessletterforDGapproved.pdf>

A SNAC member is in the process of translating the letter to French so it may be submitted to the Minister of Education in both languages. It will be approved at our January 15th meeting.

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Alternate SNAC representative to the Parents Committee

Nora Salvaggio has been voted in to replace Suzana Lazaro as the SNAC alternate representative on the parents committee.

Fair vs Equal Posters

SNAC has printed posters to distribute as gifts to teachers in each every elementary and high school. They have been sorted and packaged for shipping to schools by students at Pierrefonds Community High School and will be arriving at schools shortly.

Here is an electronic copy of the poster:

<http://snac.lbpsb.qc.ca/eng/extra/img/299FairvsEqualSNACPosterMay2019FINAL.pdf>

The I.E.P. Journey Presentation

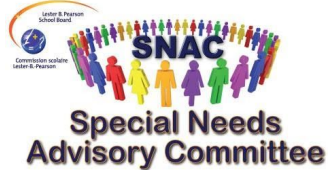
SNAC has posted the powerpoint presentation of our I.E.P. Journey. If you were unable to attend it can be found here: <http://snac.lbpsb.qc.ca/eng/webcasts/page.asp> Our question and answer document is being reviewed for errors and will be approved at the January meeting for distribution.

SNAC Social Media Subcommittee

Several SNAC members have stepped up to be a part of the social media subcommittee. Discussions on a SNAC facebook page is the main discussion.

New SNAC Member Kit Subcommittee

Several SNAC members have volunteered to create the new SNAC member kit. They will be working on it over the next couple of months so it can be approved in the Spring.

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Forum 2020

SNAC members were excited to hear about the beginning planning stages of the Forum 2020 that is looking into being organized for Spring 2020 (possibly April). The idea is to have a forum where many community resources and LBPSB resources are invited to come together in one location to present to parents and students what their programs have to offer. There could be kiosks as well as workshop presentations held at different times during the event. Some examples of resources could include the WOTP (Work Oriented Training Pathway Program), the readaptation centres, LIFE Program, TranXitions program, TEVA or in english TSAL Transition from School to Active Life as well as our schools and their programs. SNAC members would be pleased to have a table/kiosk, help spread the word and help out in anyway needed.

Questions received this month

SNAC received a question regarding the process for homeschooling your child with special needs. There is a policy at LBPSB for homeschooling which is outdated. An updated homeschooling services document was created in June 2019. It can be found here:
https://boardsite.lbpsb.qc.ca/Modules/FileManagement/files/Root/Council/docs/policies/Home_Schooling_Services_at_LBPSB_May_2019_updated_June_19_2019_FINAL.PDF

Information from the ministry of education can be found here:
<http://www.education.gouv.qc.ca/en/school-boards/support-and-assistance/homeschooling/>

Our next SNAC meeting will be held:

Wednesday January 15, 2020 at 6:30pm at LBPSB head office, 1925 Brookdale Ave
The meeting will begin with a special presentation by Stephanie Stever on educating students with special needs in Quebec.

Respectfully submitted,

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