



of the
Lester B. Pearson School Board

Annual Report 2020-2021

Special Needs Advisory Committee Members 2020-2021:

Parent Members

Jennifer DiMarco
Angela Berryman (resigned)
Sheila Moody
Kathy Robinson
Lauren Broad
Michelle Wilson
Susana Lazaro
Kiley Philp
Evelyne Hornblower
Nora Salvaggio
Lisa Mancini
Dyana Gampel

Representative of the Director General

Stéphanie Stever (Director of Student Services)

PASA (School Administrators)

Laurence Assouline Alexandra Desbiens-Leighton

PTU (Pearson Teachers Union)

Tracy Beiszez (resigned) Christina George

IASS (Independent Association of Support Staff)

Robert Gilmartin

Student Services Non Teaching Professionals (PEP)

Victoria Stuhec Monique Thirlwell
Randal Howarth (resigned)

Council of Commissioners

Daniel Olivenstein

Community Representative (WIAIH)

Franca Kesic

Executive:

Chairperson	Jennifer DiMarco
Vice Chair	Lisa Mancini
Parent Commissioner - Special Needs	Susana Lazaro
Secretary	Evelyne Hornblower
Treasurer	Lauren Broad

External Committee Representatives:

Parents' Committee	Lisa Mancini, Dyana Gampel (alternate)
Programs and Services	Dyana Gampel, Kathy Robinson (alternate)

SNAC Website	Jennifer DiMarco
SNAC Emails	Jennifer DiMarco, Sheila Moody

SNAC Facebook Page Subcommittee	Jennifer DiMarco, Dyana Gampel , Susana Lazaro, Lisa Mancini, Sheila Moody, Kiley Philp
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SNAC Meeting Dates for 2020-2021:

Wednesday September 23, 2020	7:00pm	*virtual
Wednesday October 21, 2020	6:30pm	*virtual
Wednesday November 25, 2020	6:30pm	*virtual
Wednesday January 20, 2021	6:30pm	*virtual
Wednesday February 17, 2021	6:30pm	*virtual
Wednesday March 24, 2021	6:30pm	*virtual
Wednesday April 22, 2021	6:30pm	*virtual
Wednesday June 2, 2021	6:30pm	*virtual

The major goals of the committee this year were:

- Continue to advise the school board on the organization of educational services for students with special needs
- Have presentations from Light a Dream, Ed-Venture Program and CFER
- Host a parent information session in the fall / spring - virtual if necessary
- Discuss the suggestion of sharing information about SNAC with parents when I.E.P.s are sent out in the fall
- Continue to build followers on the SNAC Facebook page
- Continue to explore ideas on how to communicate more effectively with parents of students with special needs
- Create and approve new SNAC member kit
- Continue to provide input into the newsletters the Parents' Committee publishes with contact information

Presentations to SNAC:

This year SNAC was fortunate enough to have several presentations made to them during their meetings. Those included:

- Light a Dream (September 2020)
- Possible Re-confinement Plan by Stephanie Stever (September 2020)
- Stéphanie Stever presented on educating students with special needs in Quebec (February 2021)
- Stephanie Stever and Danielle Laplante presented on LBPSB budget allocation with regard to students with special needs (February 2021)
- Genevieve Dugre offered a wonderful training presentation to SNAC (March 2021)
- Transitions Website presented by Mylaine Cardin, Matthew Kennedy, Janis Jarvis and Ariane Philie (April 2021)

SNAC Parent Information Presentation:

This year SNAC was pleased to be a part of hosting Dr. Isabelle Henault's presentation on Healthy Sexuality and Sex Education for ASD Teens

The workshop slides can be found on SNAC's website here:

<http://snac.lbpsb.qc.ca/eng/extra/img/359DrHenaultPDFPresentationSlides.pdf>

Consultation Responses:

Consultation responses are listed on the SNAC website, under the consultations tab.

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

This year SNAC provided a consultation response for each of the following:

- Intercultural Policy (August 2020)
- Appropriate use of Digital Resources and Technology Policy (August 2020)
- By Law #9-A Complaint Examination Procedure (August 2020)
- Budget Consultation (March 2021)
- By-Law 1 and 1E Day, Time and Place of Council of Commissioners and Executive Committee Meetings 2020-2021 (June 2021)
- 3 year plan of allocation and destination of immovables 2021-2024 (June 2021)

Other things SNAC worked on this year

SNAC wrote a letter to the council of commissioners in February. It can be found under the letters page on the website:

<http://snac.lbpsb.qc.ca/eng/extra/img/363SNACLettertoCouncilofCommissionersApprovedFeb22021.pdf>

SNACs Quick Guide to What is an I.E.P. ? Trifold Pamphlet

SNAC is extremely proud of their latest work to help guide parents on their I.E.P. Journey! SNAC has officially approved their Quick Guide to What is an I.E.P. ? trifold pamphlet. It will be sent out in paper form to every school in September 2021. The digital version can be downloaded from our website here:

<http://snac.lbpsb.qc.ca/eng/extra/img/367SNACIEPTrifoldPamphletApprovedMarch2021.pdf>

For best printing results, please print double sided on the short side.

This is a pamphlet that is meant to provide a quick summary of our full

I.E.P. Resource Kit which can be found here:

<http://snac.lbpsb.qc.ca/eng/IEP-Documents/page.asp>

SNAC updated their Rules of Internal Management March 2021

<http://snac.lbpsb.qc.ca/eng/extra/img/375SNACRulesofInternalManagementMarch242021Approved.pdf>

SNAC has been proudly featured in the latest EPCA Newsletter. EPCA directors reached out to the SNAC Chair and asked several questions about SNAC and our new What is an I.E.P. ?

Trifold Pamphlet. Please check out the newsletter here:

<https://epcaquebec.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/0031-EPCA-NEWSLETTER-VOL-3.pdf>

SNAC Parent Member Mandates

The 13 SNAC parent mandates are as follows:

These 5 members were in year 2 of a 2 year mandate:

Jennifer DiMarco

Angela Berryman *resigned

Sheila Moody

Lisa Mancini

Evelyne Hornblower

These 8 members were in year 1 of a 2 year mandate so will extend to the 2021-2022 year:

Lauren Broad

[Kathy Robinson](#)

*resignation received as her child graduated LBPSB in June 2021

Michelle Wilson

Nora Salvaggio

Susana Lazaro

Dyana Gampel

Kiley Philp

*****This means that in September 2021 we will be selecting 7 new parent members for a 2 year term from September 2021-September 2023**

Recommendations for the 2021-2022 Committee:

1. Continue to advise the school board on the organization of educational services for students with special needs
2. Host a parent information session in the fall / spring - virtual if necessary
Info sessions on the I.E.P. process are very well attended as is transition to high school
3. Continue to clarify and finalize the I.E.P. communication liaison on Governing Board role.
Attempt to seek approval from the council of commissioners
4. Discuss the suggestion of sharing information about SNAC with parents when I.E.P.s are sent out in the fall
5. Continue to explore ideas on how to communicate more effectively with parents of students with special needs
6. Create and approve new SNAC member kit
7. Continue to provide input into the newsletters the Parents' Committee publishes with contact information (4 per year).

I would like to **thank** all members of the Special Needs Advisory Committee from 2020-2021 for their dedication, participation and hard work this year. Your time is valuable and giving up so much of it for our students and parents shows your commitment to our community. It has been an absolute pleasure to be a part of this committee. I have learned so much over the years and loved the opportunity to guide many families in their journey.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jennifer DiMarco- Outgoing Chairperson

LBPSB Special Needs Advisory Committee 2020-2021

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