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**SNAC Priority Projects:**

SNAC members have been busy and are making great progress on the priority projects identified in January:

- Updated SNAC logo [see above]: the new logo incorporates both SNAC and LBPSB and is available in both low-resolution for web and high-resolution for print.
- SNAC is very pleased to participate in the upcoming Parent Conference via a shared CPC/SNAC kiosk. A SNAC banner will be printed. SNAC parent members will be on hand during the registration and lunch periods to respond to questions from Special Needs parents.
- A subcommittee was established and has been working on an updated SNAC Pamphlet which was presented to the group. Another revision is forthcoming, and will be ratified within the next two weeks, so that it can be printed in time for the Parent Conference.
- A free parent seminar will be held in the LBPSB Boardroom on May 23, 2012: “Advocating for the Child in the School System, A Toolbox for Parents”, by Maureen Hunt. The advertising flyer was presented and ratified, and will be distributed to all schools via the Student Services Department. Information will be available on the SNAC and LBPSB websites. Parents will be requested to RSVP to the SNAC email by May 7, 2012. More details to follow.
- The group approved a variety of expenses to support these initiatives.

**Administration Report:** Cindy Finn provided a written report, and discussed the new “LIFE” program [Learning through Independence and Functional Education] aimed at secondary students with moderate-severe intellectual impairments or autism. It is a multi-ministerial initiative, including MELS, MSSS and MESS. The goal is to begin the transition to the world beyond high school for students who require a great deal of structure and life skills training. It will be housed at Lindsay Place High School, and will receive students from all over the board. The first few students are expected after March break.

**P.A.S.A.:** Michelle Harper provided a written report, and emphasised that Administrators are reviewing Bill 56, and that Secondary Schools are entertaining visits from the Vocational Education Roadshow.

**I.A.S.S** Margo Edwards was unable to attend the meeting, but provided a written report to advise the group that the union has sent out a survey to all Integration Aides regarding special needs. The results have been tabulated, and a report is pending. SNAC has requested to receive a copy.

**Professionals Report** Pam Normandin provided a written report to inform the group of the extensive list of workshops that were attended by professionals and support staff within the past month, as well as a list of PD workshops that have been offered by LBPSB professionals.

**New Business:**

- 1) **LBPSB Budget Consultation:** SNAC members discussed and ratified the group’s response.
- 2) **LBPSB Special Needs Policy Review:** SNAC has gratefully accepted the invitation to attend the subcommittee’s April 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. All SNAC members were requested to provide feedback regarding the current policy prior to the next meeting, when this will be discussed in detail.
- 3) **Partnership between SNAC and SWLSB SEAC:** It was discussed and agreed that both teams could benefit by sharing documentation, and extending invitations to each other’s workshops.
- 4) **Pearson Education Foundation –** SNAC requested that a fund be established in our name to enable future fundraising efforts, which was accepted.

**Next Meeting:** The next SNAC meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 28, 2012 at 7pm at the board.

Respectfully submitted,

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