

 <p>The logo for the Special Needs Advisory Committee (SNAC) features a group of colorful human figures holding hands in a circle. Above them, the acronym 'SNAC' is written in large, bold letters. Below the figures, the text 'Special Needs Advisory Committee' is written in a smaller font. To the left of the figures, there is a small circular logo with the text 'Lester &amp; Hyman School Board' and 'Commission on Special Needs &amp; Services'.</p>	<p><b>SNAC Report to CPC and Education Committees</b>  <b>From SNAC meeting May 29, 2013</b>  <b>Page 1 of 1</b></p>
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The Special Needs Advisory Committee held its last meeting of the year on May 29, 2013.

**Alternative Placement Programs:** Christopher Fuzessy, Assistant Director of the Student Services Department gave a very informative presentation outlining the Alternative programs available within LBPSB. These programs include Horizon High School, the Transitions Program, the Life Program, the COOP program, WOTP, and REACH. He went on to explain other programs affiliated with our Board – Dawson Alternative, Bourbonniere School, Portage, and Angrignon School. The Student profile of each program was outlined, as well as the support services offered.

**SNAC IEP Kit Project Update:** The IEP Kits have been completed and were distributed to SNAC members. An announcement regarding the kits is now posted on the SNAC website, as are the documents for parents who wish to view them online immediately. The Student Services Department will advise all school Administrators to expect receipt of the kits for distribution to all families of children with Special Needs. After careful consideration, it was decided that it would be best to distribute the kits to families in August via each school's Resource Department. The members of SNAC are grateful to the students in the three Life programs for their tremendous contributions in compiling the IEP Kits. Certificates of appreciation were distributed to students in all 3 programs.

**SNAC AGM 2013:** The Annual General Meeting of the Special Needs Advisory Committee will take place on Wednesday, September 18, 2013, at 7pm, at the School Board Boardroom. SNAC has printed posters to advertise the event, and 2 posters have been sent to every school. Members reviewed the available parent positions.

**SNAC Advertising and Awareness Campaign:** The first edition of "SNAC CHAT", a Newsletter featuring compact news items for the Special Needs Community, was introduced. The first edition includes a description of the role of the SNAC group, and announces the new SNAC IEP Resource Kit, and the SNAC AGM date. A new tab has been added to the SNAC website ("Newsletter"). The newsletter will be sent to Pearson News and Regional Directors will be asked to forward the information to in school Administrators so that they may include the information in their school's monthly newsletter.

**SNAC letter to MELS:** SNAC members approved the final French and English versions of a draft letter to lobby the government and raise awareness regarding specific problems with the recently announced budget compressions and budgeting process as it applies to students with special needs, and suggest priorities for budget allocations. Copies will be sent to EPCA ,QESBA , QFHSA, and other SNAC/SEAC groups at other School Boards to encourage their participation in this lobbying effort

**SNAC Annual Report:** An email vote will take place in June to ask for the approval of the SNAC Annual Report for 2012-2013.

**Treasurer's Annual Report:** The members of SNAC voted to approve the Treasurer's Annual Report for 2012-2013. Almost all funds were spent on various projects throughout the year, with a final balance of \$8.17. SNAC requested additional funds for next year via the Budget Consultation, to enable this group to continue to engage in projects to aid the special needs community throughout LBPSB.

**LBPSB "Safe and Caring Schools" Consultation:** SNAC members ratified the vote taken by email to approve the SNAC response to the Safe and Caring Schools draft policy.

**LBPSB "Students with Special Needs" Consultation:** Discussions took place regarding SNAC's proposed response to the draft on "Students with Special Needs: Policy on the Organization of Services". Due to the short timeline for this Consultation, the final Response will need to be approved by email vote.

**"SNAC IDOL":** Individualized certificates were given to each member of SNAC in recognition of their unique characteristics and contributions to the committee this year.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sandra Buckingham, Chairperson  
Special Needs Advisory Committee, LBPSB, 2012-2013