



## **SNAC Chat Newsletter          June 2013**

*Welcome to the first edition of SNAC Chat!  
Compact news items for the special needs community*

### **What is SNAC?**

Did you know that your school board has an advisory committee called SNAC? The Special Needs Advisory Committee (SNAC) is a multi-disciplinary team composed of elected parents, a community representative, and School Board representatives including a Special Needs Consultant, Resource Teacher, Integration Aide, Principal, School Board Commissioner, Student Services personnel, and a representative of the Director General.

Our role is to advise the school board regarding school board policies, the organization of educational services and the allocation of funds for students with special needs. SNAC also strives to support our parent community through special presentations, workshops, links to community events and by creating supporting documentation. We listen to your feedback, and try to respond to your questions.

Elections for SNAC parent members are held once a year in September at an annual general meeting (AGM) held at the school board. Any parent who is interested in joining SNAC can nominate themselves. New positions are filled by majority vote. We encourage all parents of children with Special Needs to attend, exercise your right to vote and get involved! Please check our website for the exact date and time.

SNAC meetings are held monthly and all are welcome to attend. Reports summarizing the issues discussed during our meetings are posted on our website. For more information about who we are and what we do, please visit the SNAC website at <http://snac.lbpsb.qc.ca>. Should you have any comments, questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact us via email at [snac@lbpearson.qc.ca](mailto:snac@lbpearson.qc.ca) .





## **SNAC Chat NEWS (June 2013): IEP Resource Kit is Now Available!**

SNAC is pleased to announce the availability of a new IEP (Individualized Education Plan) Resource Kit! The IEP Resource Kit is a tool to help parents organize and plan for successful IEP meetings. The folder contains a *SNAC pamphlet* outlining special needs policy information, and several other informative documents, including:

- *“How Can an IEP Help My Child”*: This document aims to help parents understand their role in the IEP process, and plan for collaborative and successful IEP meetings. The last page *“Options that will help your child SUCCEED”* lists a variety of optional support measures to consider that may be helpful to meet your child’s specific needs.
- *“Parent Concerns/Visions”*: is a questionnaire that may help parents to organize their thoughts and concerns to better describe the needs of your child.
- *“All About Me”*: is a questionnaire that may help students who are able to participate in the IEP process to describe their own thoughts, feelings and dreams for the future.
- *“The Right Start”*: is a checklist to help parents prepare for the start of the school year.

We encourage parents to use this folder as a central storage place for your IEP documents. Business cards of Resource Team Members may be stapled directly onto the pocket folder so that contact information will always be close at hand.

The IEP Resource Kit may be viewed online now on the SNAC website at <http://snac.lbpsb.qc.ca/eng/IEP-Documents/page.asp>. A printed copy of the IEP Resource Kit will be sent home to all families of students with special needs throughout the school board at the start of the next school year [2013-2014]. We hope this kit will be helpful to you!