



SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

December 20, 2017

PRESENT: Committee Members: D. Shields, W. Hewitt, L. Cobb, F. Mick-Johnston, T. Williams
Administration: J. Poirier, H. van der Mark, C. Barber, M. Blimkie, A. MacDougall-Popke, J. Pantuso
Guests: D. Root

ABSENT: (With Regrets) B. Morris, B. Smith, C. Smith, S. McBride, R. Bernard

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair T. Williams called the meeting to order.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF 20 DECEMBER 2017

MOVED BY F. Mick-Johnston, seconded by L. Cobb, that the Special Education Advisory Committee approves the agenda for today's meeting.

The motion was CARRIED.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 15 NOVEMBER 2017

MOVED BY L. Cobb, seconded by F. Mick-Johnston, that the Special Education Advisory Committee approves the minutes of the meeting held on 15 November 2017.

The motion was CARRIED.

4. FINANCE DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION

L. Schimmens, Superintendent of Corporate Services and T. Hoffman, Manager of Finance presented the Special Education Budget for 2017-18 that was approved by the Board in June. They explained the special education grants, envelope calculation and the funding model over the past four years (summary attached). It was noted that no transportation costs for special needs are included in the special education funding. The complete budget is available on the Board's website.

Additional funds of over \$300,000 have also been received through the Special Incident Portion (SIP) and will be used to hire eleven additional EAs throughout the system.

5. UPDATE – 5 YEAR PLAN

Programs and services to be reviewed over the next five years have been chosen and committees will be established at the January meeting.

6. REPORT FROM THE BOARD

W. Hewitt and D. Shields reported on the inaugural Board meeting held on December 5, 2017. W. Hewitt and S. Humphries were re-elected as Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board, respectively. D. Shields and B. Morris will sit on the SEAC committee and D. Shields stated he had previously sat on this committee and was excited to be back.

W. Hewitt also reported that the Board discussed the Director's Annual Report but is still a draft and will be made available on the Board's website when finalized.

7. ASSOCIATION REPORTS

F. Mick-Johnston, Developmental Services, reported the Coordinated Service Planner is in place and they are still working with regional partners and the Ministry to determine the role with families. They just hired another person on contract to assist with this until the end of April. Developmental Services is hiring another Supervisor to supervise programs in the Division however the breakdown of responsibilities is still being worked on. There has been no contract finalized between the Early Years sites throughout the County and the County of Renfrew; budget and contracts are still being worked on.

T. Williams, Community Living Upper Ottawa Valley, provided details regarding the 'Together We're Better Contest' open to elementary school classes. (brochure attached) She also reported that they are planning a parent information session for February and more details will follow.

8. OTHER

Committee members agreed to select their chairperson monthly and at the meeting the month prior. F. Mick-Johnston agreed to chair the January meeting.

9. NEXT MEETING

- January 17, 2018

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY L. Cobb, that the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting adjourn at 4:45 p.m.

The motion was CARRIED.