

2. Minutes of Meeting February 7th, 2006

Moved by: J. Arnold Seconded by: S. Wolak # 11 – 06

‘THAT the Minutes of February 7th, 2006, be approved with the addition of Mary Chapin recorded as late arrival not absent’.

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3. Matters Arising

Question on presentation by Ministry: CODE project

Superintendent Greyson reported that CODE project is underway and although SEAC not directly involved, there will be a presentation in April involving a number of other initiatives as well.

4. Executive Report

Learning Centre conference held today attended by some SEAC members

Keynote speaker: Eric Walters was very informative

5. Correspondence

None

6. Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent distributed his report. Wed. morning Ministry staff to attend dept meeting.

Bruce Drewett unable to attend but willing to meet with staff in future.

To discuss a Saturday training session and will bring forward some possible dates.

Re: NNN to date we have only utilized for staffing. Waiting for business services reporting for further information.

Re: reserving funds: admin. council advise that it would be beneficial to keep funds in reserve
Still no direction from Ministry re: funding

Mini review year for Spec Ed Plan; has been amended through motions from the Board.

Request 2 SEAC members to work with the committee.

Information session held for school administrators to advise re: changes to Special Education Plan.

Superintendent attended LDAH Open House and extended congratulations to LDAH.

Copy of letter attached to report from MPP Chudleigh re: LIHN's ;

Concept: registering children earlier so that preparations could be made prior to school entry; bridging with community services; Superintendent would appreciate feedback from Associations on whether this should be taken on as a system

Re: earlier intake – some boards choose the time as the fall before; discussion followed.

Questions followed.

Question on process replacing consultation process: final meeting just held, Superintendent to summarize and then be brought to dept. then brought to SEAC and Admin council

Re: Spec Ed review committee – to get underway as soon as possible. SEAC reps to be 2 members and 2 Trustees. Volunteers to contact Chair. S. Wolak and S. Strachan volunteered.

7. Association Updates

S. Adams – LDAH. Distributed handout on one-day workshop on April 8th; Ministry personnel to be guest speakers.

C. Faria - Autism. Distributed pamphlet.

J. Pepper – VOICE. Fundraising effort presented in newspaper article.

G. Murdoch – ABC. First meeting held on IEP's ; article on gifted in Globe.

8. Trustee Updates

Two meetings held since last SEAC meeting.

Presentations: one from Professor from York University on Trustee ethics and one from Mag Gardner on Student Success and Initiatives.

Committee meeting on Communication, Accommodation and Policy issues.

March 22nd next full Board meeting

9. Unfinished Business

None.

a) Behaviour Task Force – A. Greyson

Superintendent met with co-chair and it is being reformed but haven't determined a meeting date. They will contact members.

b) Communications Committee/SEAC website - J. Barton

Meeting scheduled for March 22nd at 10 a.m Community Living Oakville

c) O.D.A. Update – J. Arnold

Nothing further

d) New Schools Update - J. Arnold

Nothing further

e) Protocol Committee

Meeting held last week; recommendations will be sent out to members to provide feedback at next meeting.

f) Awards Committee – W. Gunn

Will be posted after March break

g) MMR presentation

Not well attended but appreciated the opportunity to have SEAC reps there.
Boys in Literacy presentation

h) LD Task Force Study Group

How to change process.

10. Discussion/Question Period

Re: Bartimaeus and presence in a school.

Superintendent responded that a temporary person has been hired from this Agency. There are three schools currently employing Bartimaeus workers. They support school needs; sometimes because of short timelines need to bring in outside support i.e. crisis situation; usually behaviour management; therefore not delivering educational programs.

Re: question of where the funding comes from.

Superintendent: from within Board resources; higher than our own EA costs; aware of use within the last few years.

Member brought in article on Anger; requests for copies through SEAC secretary.

Discussion on enrolment calculations.

11. Notices of Motion

None.

12. Current Successes

J. Bevers – re: Learning Centre and support of program.

W. Gunn – re: article on student

13. Future Presentations

Lynn Ziraldo

Marilyn Dolmage – PAAC on SEAC

Communication, Socialization & Community Connections Centres

Learning Centre PowerPoint presentation

CODE Project – April

Literacy and Numeracy - April

14. Adjournment

Moved by: S. Wolak

Seconded by: W. Gunn

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“THAT the meeting adjourn.”

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Time: 8:05 p.m.

Recorded by: Lori LePage