

**Special Education Advisory Committee  
Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
235 Montee Lesage, Rosemere, Quebec  
At 19:30**

Present: Stephanie Krenn, Sebastien Joly, Silvia Patella, Carolyn Curiale,  
Peter MacLaurin, Susan O'Keefe, Jack Fitch, Kelly Donaldson,  
Christine Benko, Ingrid Caddeo, Shaun McMahon, Tanya Potvin

Absent with regrets – Mariska Burger, Andea Prupas, Brian Benoit, Gina Persechino,  
Josee Yelle, Danielle Desrosiers, Jennifer Maccarone

Absent due to sickness – Natalie Riley

Resigned – France Deneault, Pamela Feres

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The meeting was called to order at 7:45 P.M. and was chaired by Tanya Potvin.

**1.0 Additions to the Agenda**

None at this time

**2.0 Approval of the Minutes**

Approval was done by Ingrid Caddeo

Sebastien Joly informed us that there was a mistake on Page 3. It should be  
Corrected to say – the creating and updating IEP'S is not the Teachers  
Responsibility but the Principal's.

**3.0 Chairperson's Report**

Tabled until next meeting.

**3.0 Business Arising**

**3.1 Nomination and Election; parents' positions on SEAC**

Stephanie Krenn advised everyone that flyers and application forms have been  
Sent out to all schools. The Board will have these on the Website.

Ingrid and Silvia both mentioned that it would be beneficial if the rolls of the  
Members and alternates be defined. This should be included in the pamphlet.

**3.2 SEAC Workshops**

Stephanie Krenn to discuss in further detail at next meeting and also gave out  
A package on the following material.

- S.E.A.C. – Special Education Advisory Committee 2009 – 2010 Application

Information.

- Special Education Advisory Committee Pamphlet.
- HELP!!! Options that might help your child succeed.
- The Right Start. A parents' checklist to start the school year.
- Policy on Special Education.
- I.E.P. What you need to know.Guide.
- Complementary Services Report – September 28, 2009
- Attendants / Technicians Series of Professional Development Activities 2009 – 2010
- Pilot Project – “ Choices “
- Attendant / technician allocation update – 2009 – 2010
- Summary of Special Education Attendant and Technician Hours Per Week 2009 – 1020 As of September 14, 2009
- Summary of Professional Allocations to Schools 2009 – 2010
- Behaviour Technician Allocation for 2009 - 20109

### **3.3 SEAC flyer on IEP'S**

Kelly Donaldson mentioned that she has been receiving calls from concerned Parents regarding a situation in her son's class. This particular student has A reputation of being disruptive and aggressive. Silvia Patella advised her that These called should be forwarded to the Principal to handle. Stephanie Krenn Advised everyone that every child has the right to education and should be given A chance to blend in with the regular population in class.

Kelly Donaldson also mentioned that some parents still don't have a clue of what SEAC is, what it does etc..

### **3.4 SEAC Committee Flyer**

Susan O'Keefe wanted a statement written about SEAC and it's purpose in the Monthly School Letters. It should also be on the School Board Website in both Languages.

## **4.0 New Business**

### **4.1 Priorities 2009 - 2010**

Stephanie Krenn advised everyone to set their priorities of what we want to get Accomplished at the next first official meeting. Bring ideas to the table. She will Form small groups of 2 or 3 to create focus groups to help attain our goals.

### **4.2 Elections for October**

Silvia Patella suggested that at the back of the application, there should be a Paragraph asking why you should be a member of this committee. What are Your qualifications. Have you participated in the past. Will you attend all Meeting's etc.. This also includes Alternates – they should answer the same Questions.

#### **4.3 Date, day and time of meetings for 2009 - 2010**

It was agreed that the SEAC Meeting's should take place on a Monday. The Following is the schedule.

- October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 7:30 P.M.
- November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 at 7:30 P.M.
- January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 7:30 P.M.
- February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 at 7:30 P.M.
- March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 7:30 P.M.
- April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 7:30 P.M.
- May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010 at 7:30 P.M.
- June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010 at 7:30 P.M.
- September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 7:30 P.M.

#### **4.4 Ententes with external schools / hospitals**

Stephanie Krenn gave a summary of how we will place students within and Outside of our School Board.

#### **4.5 Summary of Attendant / Technician hours to schools**

Stephanie Krenn summarized and provided documentation for SEAC.

#### **4.6 Summary of Professional Allocations to Schools**

Stephanie Krenn summarized and provided documentation for SEAC.

#### **4.7 Choices Program – Stephanie Krenn explained this to everyone**

This is a new pilot project – An action plan against violence in schools. This is specifically for students who have been expelled from schools and Can't blend in with the regular population. These students are from S1 – S4 – up to age 15 years old. Last year these students received 6 hours a Week of home school tutoring.

At the Montreal Jewish General Hospital there is currently a 12 week program That has been successful for the Core Subjects – Math, English and French. The students have 3 hours of classes a day and then learn life skills – such as Anger management, therapy sessions and Family Counseling.

#### **4.8 Artsmarts Piolet Projects**

Stephanie Krenn advised us that this is teaching through the use of arts. There Are different subjects done in many schools across the province, creating teams Of leaders throughout 9 English School Boards and Special Educational Services, Building a network of shared ideas.

#### **5.0 Financial report ( attached )**

Tabled until next meeting.

#### **6.0 Parents' Committee Report**

Tabled until next meeting

**7.0 Question Period – Smart Boards Technology in the Schools**

Ingrid Caddeo mentioned that her son had the Smart Board in his classroom and He really enjoyed it. This is an interactive computer based program on a white Board, which can do anything and all the kids love it.

**8.0 Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 9: 00 P.M.

**Next Meeting: Monday October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 19:30 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted by: April Devlin

Minutes approved:

By: \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ 2009.