

HALTON CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, March 29, 2005
7:30 p.m. – Main Board Room

Members/Alternates present:

Mrs. R.A. McAuley; Ms. G. Pearce; Mrs. R. Quesnel
Ms. M. Hastings; Mr. C. Learn

Members absent:

Mrs. L. Kovalchek; Mr. D. Goch; Mrs. A.A. LeMay
Ms. M. Bursey; Mrs. M. Forhan; Ms. H. Ross; Ms. S. Grierson;
Mr. B. Quesnel; Ms. L. Stanciulescu

Staff present:

Mr. T.J. Fauteux, Superintendent of Special Education Services
Mr. G. Mahoney, Assistant Superintendent of Education
Mrs. M. Cox, Special Education Consultant

Also present:

Ms. C. Hartley, Manager, Erinoak, *Student Support Program – Autism Spectrum Disorder (SSP-ASD)*

1. Call to Order

1.1 Opening Prayer and Welcome

The meeting opened with a prayer.

2. Approval of the Agenda

RECOMMENDATION	<i>Moved by: M. Hastings</i>
	<i>Seconded by: C. Learn</i>
THAT, the agenda for the March 29th, 2005 SEAC meeting be approved as presented.	
CARRIED	

3. Actions to be taken

3.1 Approval of SEAC Minutes – January 17th, 2005 and February 21st, 2005

RECOMMENDATION	<i>Moved by: R. Quesnel</i>
	<i>Seconded by: C. Learn</i>
THAT, the minutes for the January 17th, 2005 and February 21st, 2005 SEAC meetings be approved as presented.	
CARRIED	

4. Presentation

Erinoak – *Student Support Program – Autism Spectrum Disorder* (Chris Hartley)

Ms. Chris Hartley, Manager of the Erinoak SSP-ASD Program, provided an update: the SSP-ASD program began implementation in September 2004. Erinoak Consultants will be working collaboratively with eight school boards in the Central West region.

The Erinoak Consultants work closely with board staff, enhancing existing services available for students with ASD. The main goal of the program is to build a capacity within school boards to better service children with Autism spectrum disorders. The program consists of four main activities engaged in by the Consultants: training, consultation, resource development and planning. Cross-sharing among boards in the region is an important aspect of the program. Evaluation is currently the key focal point.

Around the question of training for classroom teachers, educational assistants, special education resource teachers, child and youth counsellors and other various staff members, the ASD Transition Centre located at St. Patrick Elementary is currently very much involved in providing ongoing training for Board staff. Plans have been made to expand inservice sessions over time with staff being inserviced in the use of technology with the ASD population and in the use of social stories.

Regarding the evaluation component for the program, the Ministry of Education is expected to release an evaluation package shortly.

Mr. Fauteux thanked Chris Hartley for her informative presentation.

5. Action Items

There were no action items.

6. Reports/Updates/Discussion

6.1 Update – Brian P. Fichaud Spirit of Inclusion Award 2005

An update was provided to members of SEAC. Nominations have been submitted by system schools. The Selection Committee meets on April 25th, 2005 to select successful candidates – one at each of the Elementary and Secondary panels.

7. Information

7.1 Parents' Guide – Special Education Programs and Services

7.2 Hamilton-Wentworth DSB – Correspondence

7.3 The Second Annual Special Olympics Ontario Inclusive Basketball Game

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by: C. Learn

Seconded by: M. Hastings

THAT, items 7.1 to 7.3 be received as information.

CARRIED

Members took note of the Information Items.

8. Agency Updates

There were no agency updates.

9. Future Agenda Items

9.1 Update - Brian P. Fichaud Spirit of Inclusion Award 2005

9.2 Final Application – Annual Special Education Plan 2005

9.3 Presentation: KITS – Resource Tool for Parents (M. Forhan, L. Kovalchek)

10. Date of Next Meeting

April 18th, 2005

11. Adjournment

11.1 Motion for Absenteeism

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by: R. Quesnel

Seconded by: M. Hastings

THAT, Ms. S. Grierson, Ms. H. Ross; Mr. B. Quesnel; Mr. D. Goch; Mrs. A.A. LeMay; Mrs. L. Kovalchek; Mrs. M. Forhan; Ms. M. Burse and Ms. L. Stanciulescu be excused.

CARRIED

11.2 Motion for Adjournment

RECOMMENDATION	<i>Moved by:</i>	<i>C. Learn</i>	
<i>THAT, the meeting adjourn.</i>	<i>Seconded by:</i>	<i>M. Hastings</i>	CARRIED

11.3 Closing Prayer

The meeting adjourned with a prayer at 8:40 p.m.