

5. Reports/Updates/Discussion**5.1 CODE Project Evaluation Summary***Susan Palijan*

Susan is a Research Officer who has been conducting an Evaluation of the CODE Project. During the 2006-2007 school year, 96 students attended an LDLC, which is funded by CODE. This program had an intense assistive technology component, along with literacy, numeracy and self-advocacy skill development.

Staff satisfaction was between 77 and 100%. Almost all staff reported that they were interested in training in assistive devices for their own classrooms. The students really enjoyed the smaller classroom, the assistive technology tools and self-advocacy development, as did their parents.

Recommendations include the need for a Steering committee to discuss curriculum, assurance that standardized assessment tools are in place, further professional development for staff regarding assistive devices and continued effective communication between the LDLC and the schools.

5.2 ABA Training Up-date*Martha Martino*

Martha shared the Ministry's document, PPM 140, wherein Boards are advised to implement ABA in their schools. Administrators and other staff attended training at the Geneva Centre. The Implementation Plan will be presented to the Principals of our Board tomorrow. We plan to train all the Educational Assistants in ABA, as well as many teachers.

5.3 Inclusion Policy*Gary Mahoney*

Gary presented the report, which will be brought to the Board. The existing Inclusion Policy has up-dated to include the new Range of Placements. The word "available" in the phrase "available placement" will be removed, as the Board will provide a placement for which a student is identified.

Concerns were expressed that the phrase "full-time special education class" in the first bullet will be misunderstood, therefore Gary will attempt to re-word it.

6. Action Items**6.1 Motion Re: Gifted Model***Gary Mahoney*

Gary asked to SEAC support in asking the Board for an additional \$288,000.00 for Special Education, which would enable us to have 2 classes: a Grade 5/6 and a Grade 7/8 in one location. If there is interest in Options 4 and 5, we will have to ask the Board for additional funds.

RECOMMENDATION*Moved by: J. Trovato**Seconded by: M. Kohler*

THAT, the Board approve the implementation of a full range of placements for identified gifted students as described in the document, "The Elementary Model of Gifted Education".

CARRIED**6.2 Motion Re: Inclusion Policy***Gary Mahoney***RECOMMENDATION***Moved by: C. Learn**Seconded by: M. Kohler*

THAT, the revised Inclusion Policy 11-29, now re-named "The Range of Placement and Inclusion Policy, 11-29", be recommended to the Board for approval.

CARRIED

RECOMMENDATION*Moved by: M. Kohler**Seconded by: J. Trovato**THAT, the Board approve a budget proposal for \$288,000 for the implementation of a full range of placement for identified gifted students.***CARRIED****7. Information**

7.1 VOICE IEP – Rhonda shared the VOICE IEP, which is a very comprehensive guide for parents. She encouraged other associations to use this as a model, if they wish.

7.2 Transportation – Lori informed the membership that our Board is no longer using Burlington Handivan for students. The service is being replaced by Attridge because the Ministry of Education suggested that all providers of transportation should have more thorough first aide training, familiarity with including epi-pens.

8. Agency Updates

8.1 Easter Seals – Lori reported that the top two Penny Power Schools this year were St. Paul and St. Elizabeth Seton.

8.2 ABC – Miranda will forward to the members a new brochure created by ABC Ontario.

9. Future Agenda Items

9.1 Transformation Paper

9.2 Special Education Plan – Revision Timeline

9.3 On-line SEAC Training (is it available on tape?)

10. Date of Next Meeting

October 29, 2007

11. Adjournment**11.1 Motion for Absenteeism****RECOMMENDATION***Moved by: R. Quesnel**Seconded by: J. Matters**THAT, C. McCarney, M. Hastings, B. Rivera and L. Volkers be excused.***CARRIED****11.2 Motion for Adjournment****RECOMMENDATION***Moved by: C. Learn**Seconded by: J. Matters**THAT, the meeting adjourn.***CARRIED****11.3 Closing Prayer**

The meeting adjourned with a prayer at 9:25 p.m.

