

## Special Education

- ◁ The book review will be a place holder for any new communication/Policy Program Memorandums from the Ministry.
- ◁ Presentations will be around what special education supports the Board and/or agencies provide.
- ◁ Discussed orientation and PD for new members.

### **Professional Activity Days**

- ◁ PPM 151 relates to educator P.A. days.
- ◁ Roz shared an overview of the Provincial Priorities and Board plans for professional activities.
- ◁ The September P.A. day will have a focus on *Everyday Mental Health* and *Occupational Health and Safety*.
- ◁ Funding has been received for PD for the revised Indigenous Studies curriculum.

### **Educational Assistants**

- ◁ e been asked to complete a one-page profile to include professional development priorities.
- ◁ The Board uses this information to help plan PD sessions.
- ◁ Four PD days are in-school and three are regionally based.
- ◁ Sessions will reflect mental health & wellness, strategies for challenging behavior, understanding speech and language impairments, sensory and movement strategies and truth and reconciliation.

### **Budget Highlights**

- ◁ The 2019-2020 budget was passed at a July Board meeting.
- ◁ It is a balanced budget with some planned reductions including but not limited to declining enrolment, loss of external grants and reduction of GSN grants.
- ◁ The budget is available on the Board website.
- ◁ Additional funding to support students with Autism Spectrum Disorder including, additional Behaviour Expertise, professional learning opportunities and After School Skills Development has been received. SEAC will be updated.

### **Ministry updates/policy/program memoranda (PPM's)**

- ◁ Discussed PPM 163 All school boards in Ontario are required to develop, implement, & maintain a policy on student use of service animals in schools.
- ◁ The current Board guideline as well as the recent PPM are available in the package.
- ◁ A working group will review our current guideline, revising if/where required to reflect PPM 163.

### **MACSE Minutes**

- ◁ An October meeting is scheduled.

- ◁ There are no notes available from the spring meeting.

### **Updated Special Education Classrooms**

- ◁ Reviewed the staffing allocation in each area
- ◁ Discussed system classes
- ◁ Updates around system classes will be provided further to the decision around North Bay Secondary schools

### **Board Report**

- ◁ A decision will be made as to which Secondary school is closing at the September 24<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

### **Standing Items**