Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting

<u>Special Education Services</u> **1. Call to Order** – 1:13 pm

2. Attendance via TEAMS online meeting platform

Harry Fry (Chair) Chris Guillemette Kimberley Gignac Barb Laverock Laura Hansman Lisa Paradis Louise Sargent Roslyn Bowness Stephanie Zacharuk Susan Wilson Tracy Hanzlik Alan Bottomley Albina Lavictoire Candy St. Onge

April 16th, 2020

Regrets: Nichole King

3. Approval of Agenda:

April 16th, 2020

Moved – Louise Sargent Seconded Alan Bottomley Carried. No Conflict of interest

4. Approval of Minutes:

March12th, 2020

Moved – Stephanie Zacharuk *Seconded*- Candy St. Onge *Carried*.

General Updates re: COVID -19

- The Province declared a state of emergency closing all schools to help stop the spread of COVID-19. This date was extended from April 13th to the beginning of May however the Board is waiting for further updates on this.
- As of April 6th, teacher led learning has resumed in a learning from home manner.
- Staff have been reaching out to families in as many ways possible i.e.; online programs, email and phone.
- Teachers and support staff have been able to access schools to get technology and resource materials to enable them to work remotely.

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- Itinerant teachers, psychology, behaviour and speech and language professional staff are available to further support staff with resources as they implement and adapt learning plans.
- Attendance counsellors are also engaging with families and trying to connect with families that the teacher is struggling to reach.

COVID-19 and accessing Mental Health Supports

- Mental health resources and supports are available through links on our Board website.
- The mental health team is offering mental health check in's for students currently receiving services as well as any new or emerging needs through the social work intake available on the website.

Budget Prioritizing Activity

- This is provided to the Board when they are reviewing the budget.
- All Boards must ensure SEAC participates in the annual budget process.
- The GSN is delayed but departments are involved in preliminary work.
- The group went through the slide presentation and reviewed the series of recommendations. Some areas were further clarified as requested.

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Special Education plan

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Board Report

Board meetings are being held remotely.

Standing Items

Items for next Agenda

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