
Special Education Services

Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting

February 18th, 2021

1. Call to Order –

The best prevention of reading difficulties is using strategies that are known to work best with most students.

Our main “must do’s” are to align classrooms with research and evidence-based practices based on the science of reading.

Phonological and phonemic awareness are critical foundation pieces for early years.

Reading and spelling are now being taught together.

Through the provincially negotiated contract, the Board is now able to recall laid off staff to areas where there is still current need. Through these dollars, permanent positions have now been posted.

New Business

Community Living is participating in the Spread the Word campaign. The idea is that inclusion is a skill that we learn and practice together. March 3rd is Spread the Word day. Packages will be sent out to schools, community partners and employers. People can visit the Community Living Facebook page for information and to make a pledge.

Terms of reference will be sent out with the minutes for the committee to review and make recommendations at the next meeting.

The April meeting date will be revisited if needed.

The committee agreed on the new March 18th meeting date.

Items for next Agenda

Budget Priorities Discussion

Motion re: Special Education Board Priorities

Ministry Communications/ PPM

Presentation – Special Education Support Roles/Resources

Standing Items:

1. Correspondence received requiring action.
2. Capital Plan and Accommodation Review
3. Special Education Plan
4. Special Education Budget
5. Question Period

Next meeting date: March 18th, 2021

Adjourned: 2: 37pm

Moved: Al Bottomley

Seconded: Chris Guillemette