

JAMES BAY LOWLANDS SECONDARY SCHOOL BOARD &
MOOSONEE DISTRICT SCHOOL AREA BOARD

Combined Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

Minutes

Date: Tuesday, February 6, 2024

Time: 3:30 pm

Location: Board Office Meeting Room

In Attendance: Charlene Reuben (Co-Chair) – MDSAB Trustee
Pauline Sackaney (Co-Chair) – JBLSSB Trustee
Andrea Haule – MPS Vice-Principal
Kelly Tomatuk – MPS SERT
Veronica Shortt – MPS SERT
Shawn Klingenberg – NLSS Principal
Yvonne Morrison – NLSS SERT
Angela Tozer – JBLSSB & MDSAB Director of Education

Regrets: Tiffany Forster – NLSS SERT
Karen Chakasim – Child & Youth Milopemahtesewin Services (CYMS Payukotayno)
Terah Racine – JBLSSB & MDSAB Mental Health Lead
Brian Panaligan – James Bay Association for Community Living
Kate Ness – HANDS

Call to Order: Meeting started at 3:34 pm

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Andrea Haule seconded by Shawn Klingenberg

Approval of February 6, 2024 Minutes: Moved by Yvonne Morrison and seconded by Kelly Tomatuk

2023-2024 Special Education Services and Supports – Updates

Moosonee Public School Overview:

- Veronica Shortt started in the role of SERT at MPS in January 2024
- HANDS was not able to attend on-site as originally planned
- 10 students have been chosen to have Education Psychologist assessments completed the first week of April when Parnell Psychologist (team of 3) are in Moosonee
- CTIRC Community Support Worker is reaching out once a month as the case load has increased at MPS
- CTIRC no longer offers Speech and Language support for students with Autism, but they are continuing to provide behaviour and psychometric services in Moosonee and Moose Factory

Northern Lights Secondary School:

- Second semester Individual Education Plans (IEP's) are being updated with students / families / staff input
- NLSS is partnering with MPS Parnell Psychologist (team of 3) visit to have 10 Education Psychologist assessments completed as well
- Woodcock Johnson purchase, staff assessment training, student assessments and assessment consents are all in progress to be ready for Parnell Psychologist visit the first week in April
- Student Success Team supporting pathways to graduating and sharing IPRC / IEP information

Professional Development

- Reading for the Love of It Conference will be attended by NLSS Literacy Lead and SERT, learning focus on developing student readers
- Literacy Lead and SERT at MPS will be attending (International Dyslexia Association) IDA Literacy and Learning Conference in April
- Building educator capacity in administering Woodcock Johnson Test of Student Achievement
- Geneva Centre for Autism on-line courses are available for both MPS and NLSS staff, Ministry of Education has a partnership in place with Geneva Centre for Autism to offer School Boards course vouchers
- Staff at MPS and NLSS completing course through the Ministry of Education Special Education AQ course subsidies for teachers, course need to be finished by August 31, 2024

Jordan's Principle – Sharing

- Payukotayno has 2 staff (Tina Wynne and Eloise Burke) in place to support JD applications process for youth supported by Payukotayno
- Mushkegowuk will assist if youth not supported by Payukotayno and have staff dedicated to support JD application process
- Individual First Nation bands also have workers in place to support JD application process
- 0 to age 18 youth are eligible to apply for JD supports

Special Education Assessment Partnership - Update

- CTSC as of January 2024 is no longer providing Speech & Language supports for student with Autism

New Business:

- Review of JBLSSB and MDSAB Special Education Board Plans, hard copies of plans were distributed for all members of SEAC to read over and track revisions needed

Remaining Scheduled SEAC Meeting Dates:

- Tuesday, May 28, 2024 @ 3:30 pm – Board Office

Other Business:

- None

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 @ 3:30 pm

Adjournment: Meeting ended at 4:08 pm, Moved by Yvonne Morrison and seconded by Andrea Haule