

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

Combined Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

Minutes

Date: Tuesday, March 28, 2023

Time: 3:30 pm

Location: Board Office Meeting Room

In Attendance: Pauline Sackaney (Co-Chair) – JBLSSB Trustee
Valarie Ross (Co-Chair) – MDSAB Trustee
Karen Chakasim – Child & Youth Milopemahtesewin Services (CYMS Payukotayno)
Brian Panaligan – James Bay Association for Community Living
Shawn Klingenberg – NLSS Principal
Katie Gandy – NLSS SERT
Yvonne Morrison – NLSS SERT
Andrea Haule – MPS Vice-Principal
Kathy Gunner – MPS SERT
Kelly Tomatuk – MPS SERT
Terah Racine – JBLSSB & MDSAB Mental Health Lead
Angela Tozer – JBLSSB & MDSAB Director of Education

Regrets: Stacey Jolly – Parent

Call to Order: Meeting started at 3:34 pm

Introductions of SEAC Co-Chairs and Members

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Karen Chakasim seconded by Shawn Klingenberg

2022-2023 Needs / Services / Programs at NLSS:

- 54 students on an IEP (48 students have been IPRC'd, 6 on non-identified IEP's)
- Principal oversees Special Education Portfolio
- SERT assigned to support gr. 9/10 students
- SERT assigned to support gr. 11/12 students
- 4 EA's provide supports in classrooms, 1 EA provides Well-being supports for whole school
- Indirect service model (students are timetabled into class, fully integrated, and supported on an individualized bases by EA and/or SERTs)
- Quiet workspace options available for students: Kiskinohamasowik (learning together room), library, ILC/study hall, cafeteria, available classrooms
- 1:1 student Chromebook program in place
- Google Read & Write installed, all students can access with school *nlss.me* email accounts
- Literacy intervention support with Lexia programming (locally developed grade 9 classroom)

2022-2023 Needs / Services / Programs at MPS:

- 80 students on an IEP (40 students have been IPRC'd, 40 on non-identified IEP's)
- Vice-Principal oversees Special Education Portfolio
- 3 SERTS support Primary, Junior and Senior level students identified learning needs, as well as offering Speech Language Programming, Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy programming supports

- 10 EA's provide supports in classrooms
- Indirect service model (students are fully integrated into classes, and supported on an individualized bases by EA and/or SERTs)
- Snoezelen Room is in place along with a full-time Behaviour Support Worker
- 1:1 student technology program in place
- Google Read & Write installed, all students can access with school *moosoeepublic.me* email accounts
- K to 8 Literacy Lexia intervention program

Professional Development:

- JBLSSB and MDSAB each have two Ministry of Education funded course subsidies available for 2022-2023, both NLSS and MPS have staff taking additional qualification course through this subsidy opportunity
- Ministry of Education has partnered with Geneva Centre for Autism and both NLSS and MPS have had staff participate in free Sonderly on-line course to support Autistic students in school
- HANDS (The Family Help Network) have offered staff autism training sessions to both NLSS and MPS staff

Special Education Program / Assessment Supports:

- Tele Psych supports offered through Sick Kids are being utilized to program for students
- Student Educational Psychology Assessments have been completed by Boniferro and Associates on-site in partnership with Payukotayno
- McMaster University 'Partners for Change' project in place at MPS which is promoting a 3-tiered service model, OT come in a few times a month to offer classroom level supports and put on mini-staff PD sessions. Part of this research initiative is to gather survey results from school / families
- HANDS (The Family Help Network) have been on-site bi-monthly to offer feedback to staff, screen students, meet with educators, offer parent workshops and support parents in registering for Ontario Autism Program (OAP)

Other Business:

- Sharing of pamphlets and information from both NLSS and MPS to communicate with Parents / School Community about Special Education services / programs at next meeting
- Sharing of email address with SEAC members for additional communication purposes

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 2, 2023 @ 3:30 pm

Adjournment: Meeting ended at 4:37 pm, Moved by Valarie Ross seconded by Terah Racine