

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

Combined Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

Minutes

Date: Tuesday, April 1, 2025 **Time:** 3:30 pm **Location:** Board Office Meeting Room

In Attendance: Pauline Sackaney (Co-Chair) – JBLSSB Trustee
Veronica Shortt – MPS SERT
Collett Bailey-Smith – MPS Vice-Principal
Yvonne Morrison – NLSS SERT
Shawn Klingenberg – NLSS Principal
Angela Bellaire – Cochrane Temiskaming Resource Centre (*via Google Meet*)
Dorinda Vincent – Child & Youth Milopemahtesewin Services (CYMS) (*via Google Meet*)
Angela Tozer – JBLSSB & MDSAB Director of Education

Regrets: Brian Panaligan – James Bay Association for Community Living
Jessica Carter - Cochrane Temiskaming Children's Treatment Centre
Kelly Tomatuk – MPS SERT
Andrea Haule – MPS SERT
Charlene Reuben (Co-Chair) – MDSAB Trustee

Call to Order: Meeting started at 3:34 pm

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Veronica Shortt seconded by Yvonne Morrison

Approval of January 14, 2025 Minutes: Moved by Shawn Klingenberg seconded by Veronica Shortt

2024-2025 Special Education Services and Supports – Updates

Moosonee Public School Overview:

- Currently 2 SERT in place, ELK to grade 4, and grade 5 to 8
- Model is utilizing 20-minute blocks to meet needs of students, combining of groups taking place
- Focus on literacy, numeracy and support social skills development as well as working with Support Staff
- OT is continuing to be in regularly to support students and virtual support is taking place with HANDS
- ASL club for grades 1 to 3 supported by the LASW has approximately 15 students and some staff attending
- Some IPRC's took place this month and an update was provided on number/types of IPRC'd exceptionalities being supported with IEP's and non-IPRC's student needs supported with IEP's

Northern Lights Secondary School:

- Education Psychology assessments were completed on 3 students with a plan to support 3 more assessments in May
- 2 initial IPRC's are in process
- Overview of number/types of IPRC'd exceptionalities being supported with IEP's and non-IPRC's student needs supported with IEP's
- New EA was hired and an EA on a Board leave has returned to full-time employment
- Literacy and Numeracy lunch-time tutoring program is continuing to take place every day in Second semester
- A review of Education Psychology assessments needs for graduating students in June 2025 in taking place to ensure successful transitions to post-secondary programs

SEAC Agency – Updates

Angela Bellaire – Cochrane Temiskaming Resource Centre

- In March 2025, 3 children had assessment completed for developmental disability based on referrals made in the Moosonee / Moose Factory area
- Education Psychologist assessment is required to determine diagnosis and to be eligible for CRTC services, this includes behaviour supports
- Behaviour Therapist is visiting communities along the James Bay coast and can work with schools on implementing programs, once a diagnosis is in place, other referrals can also be made
- ASD referrals to OAP can take place up until 18 years of age
- Dorinda Vincent – Child & Youth Milopemahtesewin Services (CYMS)
- Intensive Support Coordinator has been hired
- Information provided about 8-week ADHD after school program for high school age students, suggestions provide from SEAC members and follow-up to take with staff at NLSS

Professional Development

- Staff at both MPS and NLSS are continuing to take advantage of Special Education courses offered through Ministry of Education subsidy opportunity in place for the 2024-2025 school year
- Behaviour Management (BMS) training will be taking place to recert and fully certify staff on May, 7th, May 8th, May 13th and May 14th, partnership in place with MPS, NLSS and Ministik

SEAC Correspondence

- Durham District School Board SEAC, re: OCT Core Special Education
- Algoma District School Board SEAC, re: Special Education Training
- Ottawa Catholic School Board SEAC, re: Funding & Staffing Shortages
- The Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) *Promises Unfulfilled: Addressing the Special Education Crisis in Ontario*

SEAC Recommendations (Standing Item)

- Addition of Early Reading Screeners and Intervention Programs, Right to Read Inquiry

Special Education Board Plan (Standing Item)

- Discussed review needs for plan, initial copies to be updated by Director of Education and then shared with the staff at both MPS and NLSS for additional updates and data

New Business:

- Keewaytinok Legal Services is offering free Tax services for students and parents until the end of April 2025

Other:

- Pamela Toulouse IEP for FNMI students, workshop attended and share by SEAC member

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 3, 2025 @ 3:30 pm

Adjournment: Meeting ended at 4:13 pm, Moved by Veronica Shortt and seconded by Collett Bailey-Smith