

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

Combined Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

Minutes

Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Time: 3:30 pm

Location: Board Office Meeting Room

In Attendance: Charlene Reuben (Co-Chair) – MDSAB Trustee
Andrea Haule – MPS Vice-Principal
Kelly Tomatuk – MPS SERT
Veronica Shortt – MPS SERT
Shawn Klingenberg – NLSS Principal
Brian Panaligan – James Bay Association for Community Living
Angela Tozer – JBLSSB & MDSAB Director of Education

Regrets: Pauline Sackaney (Co-Chair) – JBLSSB Trustee
Tiffany Forster – NLSS SERT
Yvonne Morrison – NLSS SERT
Karen Chakasim – Child & Youth Milopemahtesewin Services (CYMS Payukotayno)
Terah Racine – JBLSSB & MDSAB Mental Health Lead
Kate Ness – HANDS

Call to Order: Meeting started at 3:31 pm

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Andrea Haule seconded by Kelly Tomatuk

Approval of February 6, 2024 Minutes: Moved by Andrea Haule and seconded by Shawn Klingenberg

2023-2024 Special Education Services and Supports – Updates

Moosonee Public School Overview:

- IPRC meetings scheduled for May, NLSS staff will be invited to IPRC meetings of students in grade 8 that will be entering grade 9 in the f2024-2025 school year
- 10 students had Education Psychologist assessments completed the first week of April during Parnell Psychologist (team of 3) were on-site in Moosonee
- 2024-2025 will be the final year for the Partners 4 Change (P4C) initiative at MPS to support OT services in schools, initiative has shown there is a need for Therapy Assistants in schools and has been identified as a promising practice

Northern Lights Secondary School:

- 5 students had Education Psychologist assessments completed the first week of April during Parnell Psychologist (team of 3) were on-site in Moosonee, and plans are in place to finish up a few more assessments virtually
- 44 students are on IEP's and being supported in second semester, with a couple of IPRC's needing to be completed on new students
- SERTS and Student Success Team supporting pathways to graduating and assisting IEP identified student needs

- Literacy and Numeracy lunch-time tutoring program is taking place every day to better support student in being successful in their courses

Professional Development

- Series of Wednesday afterschool workshops hosted by SERT @ MPS open to all education staff on the following topics:
 - Autism
 - FASD (Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorder)
 - LD (Learning Disabilities)
 - IEP's (Individual Education Plans)
- HANDS School Support Worker hosted virtual sessions over 8-week cycle for Education Assistants
- Literacy, Numeracy and Special Education Staff attended IDA conference, very informative
- NLSS had 2 staff members completed their Special Education Part 2 qualifications, and MPS had 1 staff complete their Sp. Ed. Part 1 qualification, 1 staff complete their Sp. Ed. Part 2 qualification and 1 staff complete their Sp. Ed. Specialist qualification utilizing the Ministry of Education Special Education AQ course subsidies for teachers during the 2023-2024 school year

Jordan's Principle

- SEAC members discussed recommendations contained in the 'Review of the Implementation of Jordan's Principle in Ontario School Boards'

Special Education Board Plan Review

- JBLSSB and MDSAB Special Education Board Plans, revisions shared with SEAC, updates made to:
 - Student IEP and IPRC data
 - Updated language to reflect current practices: screener information, assessment tools, science of reading (OHRC – Right to Read)
 - SEAC recommendations, reflect / include Multi-Year Strategic Plan

New Business:

- Add to agenda as a standing item – SEAC Recommendations

Other:

- Email Message from Tom Boniferno – Education Psychologist, retiring after 40 years of supporting student assessments in the James Bay Area was shared with SEAC members
- Karen Chakasim, long time SEAC member representing Payukotayno CYMS retired in April

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 17, 2024 @ 3:30 pm

Adjournment: Meeting ended at 4:28 pm, Moved by Andrea Haule and seconded by Brian Panaligan