

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

Combined Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

Minutes

Date: Tuesday, May 30, 2023

Time: 3:30 pm

Location: Board Office Meeting Room

In Attendance: Valerie Ross (Co-Chair) – MDSAB Trustee
Karen Chakasim – Child & Youth Milopemahtesewin Services (CYMS Payukotayno)
Brian Panaligan – James Bay Association for Community Living
Katie Gandy – NLSS SERT
Yvonne Morrison – NLSS SERT
Andrea Haule – MPS Vice-Principal
Kelly Tomatuk – MPS SERT
Angela Tozer – JBLSSB & MDSAB Director of Education

Regrets: Pauline Sackaney (Co-Chair) – JBLSSB Trustee
Terah Racine – JBLSSB & MDSAB Mental Health Lead
Shawn Klingenberg – NLSS Principal
Kathy Gunner – MPS SERT
Stacey Jolly – Parent

Call to Order: Meeting started at 3:33 pm

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

Approval of May 2, 2023 Minutes: Moved by Karen Chakasim and seconded by Brian Panaligan

Special Education Assessment Partnership Feedback

- Education Psychologists were on-site in Moosonee and Moose Factory for 4 days in May
- One full day was spent at MPS and 6 assessments were completed, estimated that approximately 4-6 students are in need of assessments in the fall of 2023
- CYMS stores extra materials for visiting Psychologists, which enabled two extra assessments to be completed at MPS on this visit
- NLSS was able to have 2 assessments completed, at this time no assessment needs have been identified
- Usually Psychologist visit in October, February and May, discussion about tightening up communication / scheduling with schools, CYMS and Psychologists the fall
- Concern raised about wait times for reports and all agreed this is an excellent partnership

Special Education Board Plan Review

James Bay Lowlands Secondary School Board Plan

- No additional changes were made

Moosonee District School Area Board Plan

- Addition of non-identified students on Individual Education Plans supported by Special Education was added

JBLSSB & MDSAB Combined SEAC Recommendations

- Revised JBLSSB & MDSAB Combined SEAC recommendations as discussed at the last SEAC meeting were shared, not additional feedback was received

New Business:

- Increase IPRC involvement at MPS, choice was provided to participate in-person or by calling in, meeting focused on a review of student successes for the year. NLSS participated in grade 8 IPRC meetings as part of the transition process to secondary school
- Grade 8 transition day, took place on May 30th and went very well again this year, also the mini skills trades workshops that the feeder school grade 8 students had participated in during the month of May were very successful

Other Business:

- Voluntary CanChild research study surveys are being distributed by mail to parents / guardians at MPS. Participation in this study allowed for an Occupational Therapist (OT) to work within MPS to identify needs and teach skills such as pencil grip, scissor use, tying shoes and more. The OT partnership has supported whole class and small group activities and staff training this year
- New special education model at NLSS with having a designated SERT support for gr. 9/10 and designated SERT support for gr. 11/12 has been very successful in fostering relationships and improving engagement in student learning supports and supporting student needs

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 @ 3:30 pm

Adjournment: Meeting ended at 4:11 pm, Moved by Andrea Haule seconded by Yvonne Morrison