

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

Combined Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

Minutes

Date: Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Time: 3:30 pm

Location: Board Office Meeting Room

In Attendance: Charlene Reuben (Co-Chair) – MDSAB Trustee
Brian Panaligan – James Bay Association for Community Living
Tiffany Forster – NLSS SERT
Yvonne Morrison – NLSS SERT
Andrea Haule – MPS Vice-Principal
Kelly Tomatuk – MPS SERT
Shawn Klingenberg – NLSS Principal
Kathy Gunner – MPS SERT
Kate Ness – HANDS
Angela Tozer – JBLSSB & MDSAB Director of Education

Regrets: Pauline Sackaney (Co-Chair) – JBLSSB Trustee
Karen Chakasim – Child & Youth Milopemahtesewin Services (CYMS Payukotayno)
Terah Racine – JBLSSB & MDSAB Mental Health Lead

Call to Order: Meeting started at 3:37 pm

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

Approval of May 30, 2023 Minutes: Moved by Yvonne Morrison and seconded by Tiffany Forster

2023-2024 Special Education Services and Supports – School Year Start Up

Moosonee Public School Overview:

- Staffing, 3 full-time Special Education Resource Teachers supporting students K to 8, Primary Literacy / Numeracy Support Teacher, K to 8 Math Lead, Behaviour Support Worker position was filled – candidate started today
- Many initiatives started last year and enhanced this year for implementation of Right to Read Inquiry
- DIBELS tracking in place school-wide, K to gr. 4 math continuum assessment/programming, snoozlen room, Mental Health Lead re-vamped 'camp themed' calming space – popular space for students to self-regulate, MPS is in year 2 of Partners for Change Occupational Therapist support program

Northern Lights Secondary School:

- Gr. 9/10 SERT and Gr. 11/12 SERT model in place
- IEP documents are digitized and securely stored, creating sensory spaces, calming tools, auditory / visual overstimulation, completing diagnostic assessments, focusing on learners that have missed school and re-engaging, meeting with students to go over their IEP
- Quiet workspace options available for students: Kiskinohamasowik (learning together room), library, ILC/study hall, cafeteria, available classrooms

- Student Success Team, working with Well-being Counsellors, Guidance, Administration to put student success plans in place, timetable reflects learning gap needs, NLSS has been offering de-streamed timetabling since 2017, literacy and numeracy skills embedded into first semester GLS10 course for grade 9 students and first semester GLS20 course for grade 10 students

Professional Development

- Both JBLSSB and MDSAB were approved for the 2023-2024 school year to offer 2 Special Education AQ course subsidies for teachers at both MPS and NLSS, this is year 2 of this Ministry of Education funding allocation. List of Approved AQs for Subsidies:
 - Three-part AQ Course
 - Equitable and Inclusive Schools I
 - Equitable and Inclusive Schools II
 - Equitable and Inclusive Schools Specialist
 - Special Education I
 - Special Education II
 - Special Education Specialist
 - Teaching Students who are Blind / Low Vision I
 - Teaching Students who are Blind / Low Vision II
 - Teaching Students who are Blind / Low Vision (Specialist)
 - Teaching Students who are Deafblind I
 - Teaching Students who are Deafblind II
 - Teaching Students who are Deafblind (Specialist)

One-session AQ Courses

- Teaching Students with Behavioral Needs
 - Teaching Students with Communication Needs (Autism Spectrum Disorders)
 - Teaching Students with Communication Needs (Speech and Language)
 - Teaching Students with Communication Needs (Learning Disabilities)
 - Teaching Students with Intellectual Needs (Developmental Disability)
 - Teaching Students with Intellectual Needs (Giftedness)
 - Teaching Students with Intellectual Needs (Mild Intellectual Disability)
 - Teaching Students with Multiple Needs
 - Teaching Students with Physical Needs
 - Use and Knowledge of Assistive Technology
- Behaviour Management System (BMS) On-line Autism Awareness Training, 17 staff have signed up to take this course afterhours, Board will cover registration cost and offer half-day lieu time payout

Special Education Assessment Partnership Potential Planning

- Discuss around getting timely services and reports back from Education Psychologist that has supported our area for over 40 years
- Another school in the area is using a different Psychologist, MPS has started investigating other options, Nat Parnell and Anderson – Umbrella Assessments
- Both JBLSSB and MDSAB have transfer payment agreement funding in place to complete additional assessments, follow-up plan to have MPS and NLSS work together to identify assessments needs and see what possibilities are out there to get additional assessments completed in 2023-2024

New Business:Additional SEAC members:

- Use of MPSnews and NLSSnews to see about getting parent SEAC members, approaching Mushkegowuk Council, Cochrane Temiskaming Childrens Treatment Centre (CTCTC)

SEAC Meeting Date Planning:

- Tuesday, November 28, 2023 @ 3:30 pm – Board Office
- Tuesday, February 6, 2024 @ 3:30 pm – Board Office
- Tuesday, May 7, 2024 @ 3:30 pm – Board Office

HANDS – The Family Help Network:

- Kate Ness, in her role of supporting youth with Autism provided a very detailed overview of HANDS services, supports and programming
- HANDS is supporting Moosonee and Moose Factory and is on-site every couple of months, going into schools to provide supports to teachers, students and families

Other Business:

- None

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 28, 2023 @ 3:30 pm

Adjournment: Meeting ended at 4:35 pm, Moved by Andrea Haule seconded by Kate Ness