

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

Combined Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

Minutes

Date: Tuesday, November 28, 2023

Time: 3:30 pm

Location: Board Office Meeting Room

In Attendance: Charlene Reuben (Co-Chair) – MDSAB Trustee
Tiffany Forster – NLSS SERT
Andrea Haule – MPS Vice-Principal
Kelly Tomatuk – MPS SERT
Shawn Klingenberg – NLSS Principal
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
Brian Panaligan – James Bay Association for Community Living
Yvonne Morrison – NLSS SERT
Kathy Gunner – MPS SERT

Call to Order: Meeting started at 3:35 pm

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

Approval of October 17, 2023 Minutes: Moved by Tiffany Forster and seconded by Shawn Klingenberg

2023-2024 Special Education Services and Supports – Updates

Moosonee Public School Overview:

- Special education services and programming is going well, no additional information to what was presented at October meeting
- K to grade 8 students with special education needs are being well supported
- Kathy Gunner SERT will be retiring at the end of December 2023

Northern Lights Secondary School:

- NLSS is looking into purchasing their own assessment materials
- Room 103 has been being utilized to incorporate additional hands-on, specifically food-preparation learning opportunities for students, related to various subject courses. Room 103 is being signed out all 4 periods a day and there is a 'hub of positive energy' and improved student engagement

Professional Development

- 5 staff at NLSS were interested in the 2 Ministry of Education Special Education AQ course subsidies for teachers, 2 names were drawn and 2 teachers are taking courses
- 2 staff at MPS have committed to using the 2 Ministry of Education Special Education AQ course subsidies
- Geneva Centre for Autism has virtual course available for both MPS and NLSS

- Jennifer Rodgers, Psychometrist, working for CTCTC, hosted a session during NLSS PD day on November 17, 2023 on Emotional Regulation in youth and shared strategies to support teachers in managing student behaviours.

Jordan's Principle – Sharing

- Discuss held on how to investigate possible JP supports for schools
- Finding out what kind of tuition agreement may be in place with Moose Cree First Nation and how our provincial schools fit into this
- Suggestions to follow-up with Warren Kapashesit at Child & Youth Milopemahtesewin Services (CYMS Payukotayno) and to find out the contact person for Mushkegowuk
- Group JP applications have been submitted for both NLSS and MPS to support student food insecurities
- Currently there are no additional EA supports funding by JP, originating from provincial school in Moosonee or Moose Factory

Special Education Assessment Partnership - Update

- Nat Parnell and Anderson – Umbrella Assessments has committed to completing 10 assessments at MPs and 10 assessments at NLSS the first part of April 2024, both schools will be completing their own make-up pre-assessments to reduce costs
- JBLSSB and MDSAB transfer payment agreement funding will cover the costs of Nat Parnell and Anderson – Umbrella Assessments on-site visit in April

New Business:

Additional SEAC members:

- Reach out to Karen Chakasim – Child & Youth Milopemahtesewin Services (CYMS Payukotayno)
- MPS and NLSS will reach out to parents

Remaining Scheduled SEAC Meeting Dates:

- Tuesday, May 7, 2024 @ 3:30 pm – Board Office

Other Business:

- None

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 6, 2024 @ 3:30 pm

Adjournment: Meeting ended at 4:15 pm, Moved by Andrea Haule seconded by Kelly Tomatuk