



KEEWATIN-PATRICIA DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee was held via Video Conference on February 21, 2018.

Present	Heather Bird Joanne Kay Shirley Jette	Amber Palson Nerina Facca Nicole Perron (recorder)	Evie O’Flaherty David Wilkinson Joan Kantola
Regrets	Lesley Barnes	Michelle Henry	
Guests Absent	None		

Call to Order at 5:30 pm

Welcome Joanne Kay Welcomed everyone.

Presentation

Approval of the Agenda The agenda for February 21, 2018 was reviewed by the Committee.
Moved By: Amber Palson
Seconded By: Joanne Kay CARRIED

Approval of the Minutes The Minutes from December 20, 2017 was reviewed by the committee.
Moved By: Heather Bird
Seconded By: Joanne Kay CARRIED

Business Arising None

Presentation Presentation

Children’s Mental Health In Schools Update Joan gave an update on Mental Health in Schools and discussed the provincial Mental Health meeting that she and Candice recently attended. Dr. Kathy Short from Children’s Mental Health Assist addressed the Superintendents and gave some current Pilot Program updates. There will be a package of resources rolled out in the near future to Mental Health Leaders for classroom teachers.

Joan discussed other pilots going on in the Province.
There will also be online modules available in the future for teachers as well.

***Special Education
In Schools Update***

Nerina gave an update to the Committee.
She noted March 27 there will be a Developmental Services presentation.
Kenora and Dryden will be in the evening.
VMR from 3:30-4:30 for educators.
Nerina will send the information to everyone.
Child and Community Resources is hosting a webinar for Autism.

Individual Education Plans were sent home with report cards last week.
All others will be coming out shortly as well.

Kindergarten registration week is next week. She noted that there will be Special Education information collected so the schools can begin planning.

Sherry will be planning the annual Leadership Camp in the very near future.

Association Reports

Amber noted that KACL is helping some parents fill out forms for Kindergarten registration.
Youth employment class is going very well.

Member Reports

None

Correspondence

OAR Webinar discussed. It will be February 28, 2018.

Other Business

Discussion on Rhona and Joan will send a card on our behalf next week.

Joan noted there will be a group of Educators from Labrador coming up next week to learn more about FASD and our work.
This group will be here March 19 and 20 and will observe in the mornings at TN Program at Keewatin Public School.
They will also participate with our staff in our Professional Learning Session.

Joan gave an update on the Northern Strategy Initiative.

Joan asked for input via email from the group as to what areas of interest they would like from these SEAC meetings in the future. Please email both Joanne and Joan.

The following was recommended:

- More meetings face to face.
- Reviewing the Board Website and resources was discussed. Joan will invite Sheena Valley to a SEAC meeting in the near future.
- OPP Drug team will be doing a presentation regarding drug awareness. The SEAC group thought this would be of interest to them.
- Nerina also mentioned the Buddy system video will be available to show to SEAC in the future as well.

Next Meeting: March 21, 2018

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 6:13 pm