

1. Call to Order – 1:15 pm

2. Attendance:

<i>North Bay</i>	<i>South River</i>	<i>Parry Sound</i>
Louise Sargent Kim Gignac Lisa Paradis Sue Wilson Alice Barnett Sharon Walker Wayde Smith Alan Bottomley Roslyn Bowness Carol Stevens Lacy Farrell Barb Laverock Teryn Booth	Linda Sarginson	

Regrets: Tammy Allan, Wayde smith

Excused:

Absent:

Guests:

3. Approval of Agenda – November 17, 2016 as amended.

Moved – Barb Laverock

Seconded – Teryn Booth

Carried. No Conflict of interest

4. Approval of Minutes:

October 20, 2016

Moved – Alan Bottomley

Seconded – Barb Laverock

Carried.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes	
Reflections	
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Special Needs Strategy	Action
• In 2014 school board representatives, Children's Treatment centers and various agencies came together to work on this strategy	

- Reviewed the Renewed Vision and Alignment of Rehab. Services
- The Near North is part of the Nipissing/Muskoka group
- Parents have to tell their story many times to different agencies; this will help streamline communication
- The group works with clinicians and discusses what works and what doesn't
- What is beneficial for all
- The Near North is one of eight early adopters

EQAO results

- Mathematics is an area where many students are struggling according to EQAO data.
- The gap is greater for students with Learning Disabilities
- This is an area of focus at the provincial level.
- Our Special Education and Program teams are working together to explore relevant data and gain a greater understanding of the learning profiles of this group of students. PD opportunities are planned to support our LD learners in this area.
- Highlights of this presentation will be shared to the committee next month

Safe and Accepting Schools Data

- The trend has seen a reduction in suspensions over the past 5 years for all students.
- There are still periods during the year where suspensions levels are higher and we continue to explore these indicators as they connect to special education.

MACSE Information

- The minutes are not available yet
- The organization you represent must submit your name to MACSE
- Sharon discussed the membership list; there are many vacancies at the moment
- There is no northern representative

Membership review

- There is a family in the Parry Sound region that has shown interest and Linda also has had contact from two other families.
- There are two vacancies available
- Videoconferencing capabilities will be looked into at the Almaguin Site.

Book Review – Lost and Found – Chapter 2

- Discussed strategies and tools to support schools
- Lack of follow up
- American school system vs Canadian school system
- Least restrictive environment

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Least toxic response 	
Standing Items	
Amalgamation and Accommodation Review	
Board Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The capital plan is being rolled out and discussions on shared facilities are happening. • Progress is being made on the multi-year plan • Board policies are being reviewed and revised • An award was given out in Toronto for Woodlands PS • Carol discussed the Rob Nash presentation at the Friendship center • Louise has forwarded the letter received from Renfrew County Catholic DSB to the Director and Chair for next steps 	
New Business	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information items can be sent directly to Melanie • Sharon offered committee members a chance to host a meeting. Further discussion will take place in December. 	
Correspondence	Action
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Items for next Agenda	Action
Book review –Chapter 3 SEAC annual agenda – Finalize Update on Mental Health Decide on which exceptionality IEP to review Membership Review MACSE minutes (if available) Standing Items: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Correspondence received requiring action 2. Amalgamation and Accommodation Review 3. Special Education Plan 4. Special Education Budget 5. Question period 	

Next meeting date

Adjourned at: 3:11pm. Moved: Alan Bottomley
Seconded: Barb Laverock