

**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.*

<b>5. Business Arising from the Minutes</b>	
Reflections	
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<b>Special Needs Strategy</b>	<b>Action</b>
• 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"> <li>• Least toxic response</li> </ul>	
<b>Standing Items</b>	
<b>Amalgamation and Accommodation Review</b>	
<b>Board Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The capital plan is being rolled out and discussions on shared facilities are happening.</li> <li>• Progress is being made on the multi-year plan</li> <li>• Board policies are being reviewed and revised</li> <li>• An award was given out in Toronto for Woodlands PS</li> <li>• Carol discussed the Rob Nash presentation at the Friendship center</li> <li>• Louise has forwarded the letter received from Renfrew County Catholic DSB to the Director and Chair for next steps</li> </ul>	
<b>New Business</b>	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information items can be sent directly to Melanie</li> <li>• Sharon offered committee members a chance to host a meeting. Further discussion will take place in December.</li> </ul>	
<b>Correspondence</b>	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	
<b>Items for next Agenda</b>	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"> <li>1. Correspondence received requiring action</li> <li>2. Amalgamation and Accommodation Review</li> <li>3. Special Education Plan</li> <li>4. Special Education Budget</li> <li>5. Question period</li> </ol>	

**Next meeting date**

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