

1. Call to Order – 1:15 pm

2. Attendance:

<i>North Bay</i>	<i>South River</i>	<i>Parry Sound</i>
Harry Fry Lisa Paradis Louise Sargent Albina Lavictoire Alan Bottomley Susan Wilson	Stephanie Zacharuk Candy St. Onge	Laura Hansman Nichole King

Regrets: Kim Gignac, Roslyn Bowness, Chris Guillemette, Tracy Hanzlik, Barb Laverock

3. Approval of Agenda:

March 12th, 2020

Moved – Alan Bottomley

Seconded – Stephanie Zacharuk

Carried. No Conflict of interest

4. Approval of Minutes:

February 20th, 2020

Moved – Louise Sargent

Seconded- Albina Lavictoire

Carried.

Program Updates

- Two new behaviour therapists have been hired.
- The after-school skills development program will take place at lunch and then the students will be able to apply what they have learned at recess.
- The program will start at Woodland and Parry Sound Public School with one behaviour therapist assisting at each location.

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) – Professional learning opportunities update

- Traditionally the Board has received funding to do in house training, (workshops and consultant support), as well as being offered training from the Geneva centre (online courses).
- This year both areas of funding have been combined. Six online courses are being offered. Participants need to be registered by the end of March.

Behaviour Expertise Supports – Introduction of new roles

- On-going supports:
 - 2.0 Behaviour Counsellors; Lisa Mason (east/west) and Dawn McMillan (north)
 - 4.0 Itinerant Behaviour Education Assistants, (2.0 east/west, 2.0 north)

- New supports this year:
 - 1.0 Board Certified Behaviour Analyst (BCBA) – Kelly Hingley, supports and coaches school teams regarding behavior based on ABA strategies and data.
 - 2.0 Behaviour Therapists (BT); complete skills assessments and assist with implementation of ABA strategies and data collection.
- Referral process:
 - Schools continue to follow the same process for referrals for behaviour support for all services.

Parent Engagement Event – Peg Dawson

- Details are available in the SEAC package.
- Smart but Scattered – Helping Children and Teens Strengthen Executive Skills to Reach Their Full Potential will be led by Dr. Peg Dawson, a school psychologist with expertise in the assessment of learning and attention disorders.
- Participants can attend at the three Board rooms or “watch parties” located at specific schools.
- A day session will be held for principals, DLRT’s and behaviour teams.

3:2 Special Education Program Update

- Two clear pathways; Communication at Chippewa and Life Skills at West Ferris.
- Communication Classes (intermediate and secondary classes) support students with a variety of exceptionalities whose primary need is communication.
- Life Skills Classes - renamed *Personal Life Management* (intermediate and secondary classes) support students with a variety of exceptionalities whose primary need is life skills.
- The special education team has met with staff to talk about programming needs and appropriate spaces including things like sensory spaces, kitchen and laundry facilities and accessible washrooms.

Correspondence received

- Two letters received.
- After School Skills Development and transportation funding. For the NNDSB we have skilled staff to fill these positions or privately contract out.

Special Education Budget

- Next month’s agenda.

Board Report

- The announcement has gone out that the Board has received funding for the Parry Sound Build.
- The Board has secured the architect for the W.J. Fricker new build.
- Harry Fry will continue as “Community representative at large” on the committee.

Special Education Report

- April/May

Standing Items

Items for next Agenda

MACSE minutes (if available) Review Trends
 Budget Priorities Discussion
 Motion re: Special Education Board Priorities
 Review of LDAO’s report on special education funding (if available)

Presentation – Special Education Support – Roles/Resources

Standing Items:

1. Correspondence received requiring action
2. Capital Plan and Accommodation Review
3. Special Education Plan
4. Special Education Budget
5. Question Period

Next meeting date: April 16th, 2020

Adjourned: 1:52pm

Moved: Alan Bottomley
Seconded: Laura Hansman