

1. Call to Order – 1:02 pm

2. Attendance via TEAMS online meeting platform

Harry Fry (Chair)

Alan Bottomley

Kimberley Gignac

Barb Laverock

Candy St. Onge

Lisa Paradis

Louise Sargent

Susan Wilson

Tracy Hanzlik

Melanie Gray

Karen Gratton-Miscio

Regrets: Nichole King, Laura Hansman, Albina Lavictoire , Chris Guillemette

3. Approval of Agenda: As amended

December 17th, 2020

Moved – Barb Laverock

Seconded – Louise Sargent

Carried. No Conflict of interest

4. Approval of Minutes:

November 19th, 2020

Moved – Barb Laverock

Seconded- Tracy Hanzlik

Carried.

SEAC annual agenda/ Behaviour Supports

- No changes to the annual activities.
- The book review is a place holder for Ministry communications and PPM's.
- The presentations decided upon at the last meeting were on behaviour supports, speech language supports, Psych, and the multi-disciplinary team.
- The January meeting will have the behaviour supports presentation; reviewing the Ministry definition/category, the revised behaviour management plan and supports the Board have in place.
- The February meeting will have the speech language supports presentation.
- The March meeting will have the Psych services presentation.
- The Multi-Disciplinary team presentation will take place in April. The committee will be able to review the students and supports in place.
- A school tour and face to face meeting occurs in May. Further discussions will take place on how this meeting will look.
- The January meeting will review membership and ensure the SEAC binders are updated. The binder contains items such as legislation and the role of SEAC.
- The committee discussed an ad hoc SEAC finance committee to work more closely on the special education portion of the budget. As SEAC is an advisory committee for the Board, the group brings forth recommendations. Budget presentations are part of the yearly agenda. Any questions can be sent to Chair Fry or Melanie Allard.

COVID updates

- The pre-registration for Secondary students ends tomorrow. This will allow students to change from face to face learning to virtual and vice versa. Currently there are no significant changes.
- At this time, there are no changes to the school calendar and students will be returning to school after the Christmas break. However, there are ongoing conversations with staff if there is an extension. Secondary students begin Octomester 4 right after the break. Staff are prepared to use the virtual platform if needed.
- The Near North administration and staff are all doing their part to follow all health and safety/ COVID-19 protocols to keep students safe.
- Additional funding was received for COVID-19 purposes around at home and virtual learning. Two new DLRT's have been hired, one elementary and one a combination of secondary and student success. Their roles will help support these students moving forward.

Board report

- At the last Board meeting Jay Aspin and John Cochrane were re-elected as Chair and Vice-Chair.
- The January Board meeting will confirm which trustees will sit on which committee.
- On behalf of the Board of Trustees, thanks go out to all for your tireless efforts during this challenging year.

Standing Items

Items for next Agenda

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair
SEAC binders – highlight updates
Ministry Communications/ PPM
Presentation – Behaviour supports
Sample IEP – review and discuss/ focus on specific exceptionality

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: January 21st, 2021

Adjourned: 1: 35pm

Moved: Alan Bottomley
Seconded: Candy St. Onge