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COMMISSION SCOLAIRE SIR-WILFRID-LAURIER  
 SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD

**MINUTES OF THE**  
**Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting**  
 Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 19 h 30  
 ESD/CSD Boardroom - 239, montée Lesage, Rosemère, QC

**Present:** *Fred Greschner, Adelina Lepanto, Adèle Leeming, Pamala Crompton, Bessie Athanasopoulos, Tabitha McKell, Patricia Panfili, Ghyslaine Masse, Sylvia Repas*

**Absent with regrets:** *Sylvie Battisti, Kimberly Leclerc, Janet Sallie, Pamela Feres, Melanie Parkinson, Marianne Sassen, Giovanni Petrangelo, Sheila Rennie, Jodi Roy, Nicole Rodier, Brian Benoit, Carolyn Roberts, Marie-Helen Goyetche, Sebastien Joly, Jack Fitch, Peter MacLaurin*

AGENDA TOPIC	DISCUSSION	Remarks and Actions To be Taken
Welcoming remarks		
<b>1.0</b> Additions and approval of the Agenda	<i>Additions to agenda - requested by Pamala Crompton            5.2 Science Fair            5.3 Laval High Schools            5.4 SEAC e-mail</i>	<i>Moved by:            Seconded by:</i>
<b>2.0</b> Approval of minutes of meeting held January 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	<i>We do not have quorum, therefore, approval of minutes will have to be done at the next meeting. An informal meeting was held.</i>	<i>Moved by:            Seconded by:</i>
<b>3.0</b> Question Period for the Public		
<b>4.0</b> Chairperson's Report	<i>Adelina did not have anything to report.</i>	
<b>5.0</b> New Business		
<b>5.1</b> Spring Workshop (April 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2013)	<i>Date originally confirmed for April 25th, 2013 at Rosemère High School            A sub-committee was mandated to organize the Spring workshop.            Youth Mental Health &amp; Anxiety - Part 2 was decided as a theme.            Bessie called Amie Quebec – they are only prepared to offer a video conference. Bessie didn't feel that they could offer enough content to cover our needs.            Sylvie was to look into the Douglas Hospital - however, she found that Kid Power have a Montreal branch. Bullying and how to recognize the problem.</i>	

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	<p><i>They are available to present 2 times that evening. Adelina read the details of their offers. Fred felt that it would be good to have an outside entity presenting at the conference. Everyone felt that the bullying topic is a very important topic. Adelina will look into fees.</i></p> <p><i>Adelina mentioned that Maureen Hunt is available April 25th.</i></p> <p><i>Fred asked Patricia to track Lisa Levy to see whether she and her husband David would be available to present that evening.</i></p> <p><i>Fred explained that Cindy Finn is not available the week of our conference due to previous engagements.</i></p> <p><i>Fred also asked our professionals. Our OT Lina Ianni with Abla Ahmed, Ped Consultant are willing to present, they will target the sensory part, and how to reduce anxiety.</i></p> <p><i>Cheryl Smith, SLWSB Spiritual Animator has also volunteered to present part 2 on social media.</i></p> <p><i>Fred informed that Silvia Patella may be able to present.</i></p> <p><i>Tabitha suggested she could contact a Music Therapist from the JGH, who could present.</i></p> <p><i>Fred explained that the week of the conference will be a busy one for Comp Services as it is Bus Safety Week where our department will be highly involved with this PD procedure.</i></p> <p><i>Fred asked if everyone would be willing to postpone the conference by 1 week – tentative date: May 2nd.</i></p> <p><i>Ghyslaine suggested we distribute the pamphlets at the Principal's meeting on April 10th.</i></p> <p><i>Bessie suggested a Problem solving workshop to relieve anxiety and stress in adolescents.</i></p> <p><i>Fred proposed that perhaps Tabitha &amp; Campbell could prepare a workshop. Tabitha will let us know.</i></p> <p><i>Fred will check with Cindy Finn to see if she is available May 2nd.</i></p> <p><i>In the end, it was decided that the conference be postponed by 1 week, re-scheduling it to May 2nd. Sylvia to check with RHS if that date is available.</i></p>	
5.2 Science Fair	<p><i>Pamala mentioned that SWLSB was represented at the Hydro Quebec Science Fair. Pamala wanted to know that if there are special needs students that make it to the Fair next year, who would be the SWLSB contact to inform if a student has special needs and to make the proper accommodations.</i></p> <p><i>Fred mentioned that the SLWSB Fair contact should ultimately be informed by the child's teacher.</i></p>	Fred to follow-up.
5.3 Laval High Schools	<p><i>Pamala suggested that a member of SEAC should sit on the committee for the re-organization of the high schools.</i></p>	

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	<p><i>Fred explained that a political group has been created. He also agreed that a member of SEAC should eventually sit on the committee once the request has been approved by the DG.</i></p> <p><i>A SEAC representative to be chosen at the next meeting when more members are in attendance.</i></p>	<p><i>Item to be added to next meeting's agenda.</i></p>
5.4 SEAC e-mail	<p><i>Pamala asked about the SEAC email. Fred explained that the SEAC email is up and running. It is directed to Sylvia Repas' email, which she then forwards to the SEAC Chairperson.</i></p> <p><i>The discussion then moved to the execution of IEPs. Fred emphasized that the best way for an IEP to be successful, is for everyone (parents, teachers, professionals, students, attendants, technicians) to work as a team and to communicate every step of the way.</i></p> <p><i>Patricia Panfili explained that consultants are very often asked to help out with the complexities of the IEP. It can sometimes be a very multifaceted challenge, wherein the issues can most often be resolved by communicating and sharing various strategies.</i></p> <p><i>Tabitha expressed that as a teacher she encourages and wants her parents to communicate with her if there is anything wrong. This should be the standard procedure – ALWAYS COMMUNICATE WITH TEACHERS FIRST, since they are the ones who interact with your child the most.</i></p> <p><i>Fred reiterated that ultimately it's always the parent's role to look after and communicate the needs of their children so that the IEP can be effectively managed by all.</i></p>	
6.0 Complementary Services Report	<p><i>Fred presented the report and explained that Complementary Services is now in the process of beginning its screening process for new students.</i></p>	
7.0 Financial Report (Attached)	<p><i>Document presented.</i></p>	
8.0 Parents' Committee Report	<p><i>None to present.</i></p>	
9.0 Question Period for the Public		
10.0 Next meeting	<p><i>Monday, April 29, 2013.</i></p>	
11.0 Adjournment	<p><i>Meeting adjourned at 9:37 PM.</i></p>	<p><i>Motion to adjourn by Bessie A. Seconded by Pamala C.</i></p>

Respectfully submitted by: Sylvia Repas