



Special Education Advisory Committee

September 10, 2025 12:00pm
Microsoft Teams

MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMEBERS PRESENT:

Larry Wiwchar	Trustee
Dennis Draves	Trustee
Crystal Hewey	Trustee
Christine Heavens	Chair, Parent Representative
Holly Castellani	Cochrane Temiskaming Resource Centre (CTRC)
Shelly Charette	Indigenous Representative, Education Director, Timiskaming First Nation
Lorette McKnight	Temiskaming Metis Community Council (TMCC)

COMMITTEE MEMEBERS REGRETS:

Cindy Pye-Reasbeck	Trustee
Shannon Costello	Director of Children's Services, CDSB

STAFF PRESENT:

Lesleigh Dye	Director of Education
Chad Mowbray	Superintendent of Education
Jody Pecore	Special Education Administrator
Elizabeth Kazienko	Mental Health & Well-Being Lead
Andreanne Denis	Communication Officer
Shawn Donovan	Principal, R. Ross Beattie Public School

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Cathy Levasseur	Executive Assistant to Superintendent Mowbray
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CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order at **12:01 p.m.**
Land Acknowledgement.
Teams Introductions were made.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOVED BY, Holly Castellani, SECONDED BY, Trustee Hewey, THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING:

No report



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CORRESPONDENCE:

No report

PRESENTATION:

2025-2029 Strategic Plan Presentation by Director Dye, Andreanne Denis, Communication Officer

TRUSTEE REPORT:

No report

AGENCY REPORT:

- Lorette McKnight reminding everyone of Every Child Matters 5th Annual Pow Wow
- Holly Castellani, CTRC has moved to on-line referrals only. All schools, community or even group home agencies can now go on our website to find referral forms.

SPECIAL EDUCATION TEAM UPDATES:

- Superintendent Mowbray shared that John Stark at The Therapy Path provided speech language services to our DSBONE students.
- Jody Pecore informed us that this summer we had a partnership with Hands, the Family Help Network to offer 3 informative session to our families. These sessions were recorded and posted for parents to refer back to afterwards.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Site visit, possibly an elementary school
- Agency or Community Partner host SEAC meeting
- Northern College and College Boreal presentation to see what kind of supports available
- Terms of Reference
- SEAC, Special Education Plan
- Reach out to Northern College regarding Pathway plans

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at 12:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED BY, Holly Castellani, THAT the meeting be adjourned at 12:48 pm.

CARRIED