

PART 3 – THE BOARD’S SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEAC)

In 1982, the Board established the first Special Education Advisory Committee in accordance with the legislation preceding Regulation 464/97.

Roles and Responsibilities

Today, SEAC continues to be an advisory body whose roles and responsibilities are as follows:

- making recommendations to the Board with respect to any matter affecting the establishment, development and delivery of special education programs and services for exceptional students with the Board;
- participating in the Board’s annual review and development of its Special Education Plan;
- participating in the development of the Board’s annual budget for special education;
- reviewing the financial statements of the Board as they relate to special education.

Membership

SEAC members are nominated by their respective associations and the names are submitted to the Board for approval. The associations also nominate alternative representatives.

The committee consists of three trustees and six members who have had previous experience on provincial associations and/or on the Board Special Education Advisory Committee, and one representative from Nipissing Band #10.

Meeting Times and Locations

SEAC members meet once a month (the second Tuesday of each month) in the Boardroom of the Board office.

Input to SEAC

SEAC members received presentations from:

- Roger Gleason, OYAP Coordinator
- Mary Close, Learning Disabilities, Nipissing University
- Elaine Becket, LOTF Mentorship Program
- Marcello Tignanelli and Nancy Allaire, Section 20
- Jim Davidson, Transitioning

Each year SEAC members tour the special education programs in various schools. Members representing local and/or provincial associations share information and concerns with SEAC, as well as raise issues that may arise from the community or schools. The meetings are open to the public and are similar in format to a regular Board meeting. The Board will make teleconferencing arrangements upon request.

SEAC Activities

- In the spring of 2005, SEAC organized a Carousel Evening that provided Board staff and parents as well as the general public with an opportunity to attend a variety of mini-workshops presented by guest speakers and representatives of various organizations (see Appendix 18). These workshops addressed issues pertaining to special education.
- SEAC participated in its annual tour of the Board’s special education programs and facilities in order to obtain feedback to assist in the budget planning process. Schools visited included: Our Lady of Sorrows, St. Victor, Corpus Christi and John XXIII.

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE ASSOCIATIONS

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