



# SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

November 13, 2018

- x November 16, system wide PD
  - i Examining Bias, Rollout of Secondary LST Binder, Make & Take, Ideas for the STEPS Classroom, Cooperative Activities & Collaboration for MAPS Teachers, Beyond the Folder for GAINS, EAs and DSWs will attend trauma training as well.
- x November 19, Educators New to Autism
- x November 27, New to GAINS Part 2

J. Newton, T. Lazuo, M. Wilcox and C. Mills presented learning opportunity sessions to the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee. They selected things that they felt were most relevant. There will be an evening in January for presentation. We will be asking for feedback after this session.

## ESS Staffing at Re-organization

We are up 6.5 support staff this year. We have a total of 476 support staff for the 2018/2019 school year.

## Empower Update

- x We are moving into our 3<sup>rd</sup> and last year of the Ministry Pilot
- x We have 3 service delivery models – Empower Only, Empower and Lexia Simultaneously, Empower Followed by Lexia (started in the 2017-2018 school year). We are continuing to gather data on the different models.
- x We are continuing to administer the Pierce Harris Children's Self Concept Scale which measures socio-emotional self-concept. Last year was our first year of administration
- x In the fall of 2017, we had an interviewer go in and interview 65 Grade 4 students who all received iPads the year before to assist in their learning. The purpose of the interview was to determine how and to what level of success the iPads were being used across the school day.
- x OSIE, which is conducting the research on behalf of the Ministry of Education, will again be visiting all the research project schools to conduct pre and post assessments and interviews during the 2018/2019 school year.
- x M. Wilcox will share more information at the December meeting.

## 7. New Business

K. Wilson asked about Conscious Classrooms. M. Wilcox explained that this program had just started and we will provide information at a later date.

C. Buckler expressed concern regarding the communication books. M. Wilcox suggested that if there are any concerns, they should be addressed at the school, with the school principal.

J. Matt H-Gasparovic had concerns regarding the IEP, parent input and timelines. M. Wilcox explained that the procedure for IEP's is ministry mandated. C. Buckler suggested that J. Matt Gasparovic contact MACS, Minister's Advisory Council on Special Education

## 8. Association Reports

M. Fuduric – asked parents of children with LD to participate in a Ministry consultation. LDAWE provided points to consider and listed them on their website. The survey is open until December 15, 2018. Please refer to the website for further information.

M. Gilles – Down Syndrome Awareness is the 1<sup>st</sup> week of November. They had a family bowling and pizza night and were able to meet the families.

B. Turner – talked about fundraisers in schools. She shared that there was a Walkerville teacher who wrote a children's book on math. This teacher is having a book signing on November 24 at 2:00 p.m. at the Riverside Library.

## 9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Connie Buckler, Chairperson  
Special Education Advisory Committee

Mike Wilcox, Administrative Liaison  
Special Education Advisory Committee