



SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

January 19, 2017

6:00 p.m.

Grimsby Lincoln Room – Education Centre

STUDENT VOICE

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1. Quorum / Welcome / Introductions..... Linda Morrice
 2. Approval of the Agenda of January 19, 2017 Linda Morrice
 3. Approval of the Minutes of December 8, 2016 Linda Morrice
 4. Business Arising from the Minutes of December 8, 2016 Linda Morrice
 5. Accessibility..... Robert Dunn
 6. Special Education Renovation Projects Robert Dunn and Tracey Krysa
 7. Pre-School Transition..... Tracey Krysa
 8. Association and Board Information (**please bring written submission**)
 9. Correspondence
 10. Questions and Answers
 11. Adjournment

NEXT MEETING: February 9, 2017 – Grimsby Lincoln Room, 6:00 p.m.

TRANSITION TO SCHOOL

JANUARY 2017
SEAC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA

Pre-School Transition

We assist with approximately 160-180 pre-school transitions for students that have existing special education needs or will require supports moving into the school system.

At this time we have 130 students that are part of this service.
As the year progresses more will be added and the numbers will increase with new registrations.

These students may currently have the support of outside agencies and/or significant resource support in the pre-school setting.

- ### Central Transition to School Teams
- SCHOOL SUPPORT SERVICES SYSTEM SUPPORTS**

TRACEY KRYSA: SPECIAL EDUCATION COORDINATOR
LESLIE AUGER AND DARLA PERRON: ABA FACILITATORS
JENNIFER SMITH: EARLY YEARS CONSULTANT

CENTRAL RESOURCE EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS

KIM BARTLETT	DARLENE DUNCAN
LORI BEARRS	SANDRA DUFF
TRACEY SCHWARZ	SHARI SADOWSKY
JULIE KIRKWOOD	JENNIFER JOHNSON

- ### Transition Timeline
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| November | • PARENT INFORMATION NIGHTS AT CHILDREN'S CENTRE |
| December | • AGENCIES SEND LIST OF CHILDREN REQUIRING TRANSITION TO SCHOOL BOARD CONTACTS |
| January | • PRESCHOOL RT / CONSULTANTS / SOCIAL WORKERS MEET WITH SCHOOL BOARD CONTACT FOR INITIAL INTAKE MEETINGS |
| February | • DSBN PARENTS MUST REGISTER AT THEIR HOME SCHOOL |
| March to May | • SCHOOL BOARD PERSONNEL COMPLETE DAYCARE OBSERVATIONS AND TRANSITION MEETINGS AT THE SCHOOL AND SUPPORT THE STAFF WITH TRANSITION PLANNING |

Home School

The Home School is based on boundaries set by the School Board

To verify a home school, parents can visit the website: www.nsts.ca

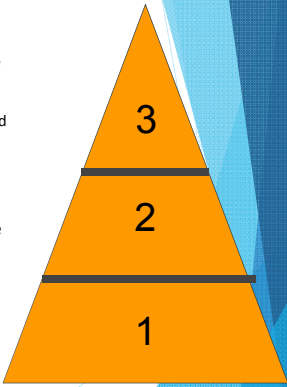
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▶ Parent Section
▶ Transportation Info tab
▶ Enter your home address
▶ Choose the applicable board

- ### Intake Meetings
- Timeframe:
January
- Attended by School Board Coordinators and Preschool Agencies or Social Workers
 - A Functional Checklist of the child is provided by the Resource Consultant or Social Worker
 - Provides an overview of the child's needs, equipment, therapies, current supports, daycare information
 - Collaboratively determine appropriate transition tier based on the needs of each child

Transition Tiers

There are 3 tiers for the *Transition to School* process to ensure the following:

- Parents are not overwhelmed in the meeting
- Emphasis is on building a strong rapport between family & school
- Determine which supports are needed for the child
- Establish meetings that CCAC and other agencies should attend



Tier Three: a daycare observation occurs and a formal transition meeting at school is arranged by the school board coordinators.

- Outside agencies (eg Bethesda, CCAC, therapists, etc) will be invited to attend the transition meeting

Tier Two: a daycare observation occurs and a formal transition meeting at school is arranged by the school board coordinators

Tier One: a direct exchange of information between the family and school staff

Transition Meetings at School

What parents can expect

- Preschool Resource Consultant /Social Worker will review the current needs of the child
- Parent is encouraged to bring any pertinent reports, letter of diagnosis, etc to share with the school
- School shares information about the Kindergarten program
- If applicable for a Tier Three Transition, a CCAC application will be completed and an Environmental Assessment will be arranged for students with immediate equipment needs

Kindergarten Open Houses



February 2, 2017



The Good Life

“The Good Life”: a two day workshop February 21st and 22nd 2016

Not sure what kind of job you would like to have in the future?
Not sure what you want to do with your day when you're finished high school?
Not sure how to explore a brand new interest?

This workshop might be a great place to start!

This two day workshop is for you if you are thinking about what your future may hold and if you want to develop a plan that will move you closer to 'The Good Life'.

Through presentations, small group discussions and personal reflection, you will learn the tools you need to develop a vision for your life.

Some of the discussion will include:

- Knowing what other people of a similar age want in their lives
- Knowing how important it is to have roles in your life and how those roles help you to connect with others
- Spending time thinking about your interests, passions and talents and how they can be built into your personal plan for the future

When: Tuesday, February 21st 9:00 – 4:30 and Wednesday, February 22nd 9:00- 4:30

Where: BEST WESTERN PLUS Rose City Suites – 300 Prince Charles Drive

Cost: No cost! Lunch and workshop materials provided.

How do I register? Contact Carolyn Fast at 289-686-4980 or email at cfast@communitylivingontario.ca. There will be a number of facilitators there to help you if you need any assistance to participate. This is a great opportunity to talk to other students, learn some new tools, and plan a bright future for yourself.

About the presenter: The workshop presenter is Darcy Elks. Darcy has been a teacher and human service provider, trainer, consultant and advocate on behalf of people with disabilities for over 30 years. She has traveled extensively because her passion and focus continues to be working on inclusion on behalf of people with disabilities.

This workshop is sponsored by the Student Links Initiative of Community Living Ontario.