

To: Special Education Advisory Committee

From: Richelle de Belchior

Subject: Details on Professional development workshops

MOVED BY: Richelle de Belchior

WHEREAS: Professional development workshops were held on November 18th, 2022

WHEREAS: These workshops were presented by the BCBA's on areas such as Autism, Be the Reinforcer, Understanding students with autism spectrum disorder

WHEREAS: There were additional workshops held by School Mental Health Ontario on how to identify children requiring assistance in the younger age classes

WHEREAS: on one of the workshops the BANCK team presented evidence-based strategies focusing on children in the early years

WHEREAS: the assistive technology team presented accessibility apps such as read and write app and the orbit note

WHEREAS: courses such as Registered Behavior Training were held by the Geneva summit

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: SEAC recommend to the Board that the Staff provide SEAC with following information before February 8th, 2023:

1. The links to the workshops and modules presented by the BCBAs on Autism, Be the reinforcer and understanding students with autism spectrum disorder.
2. The number of staff members who attended the workshop presented by the BCBAs
3. The designation of the staff members who did attend the workshop presented by the BCBAs.
4. The grades that these staff members who attended the BCBA presentation regularly teach
5. The duration of each of these workshops

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: SEAC recommend to the Board that the Board Staff provide SEAC with the following information before February 8th, 2023:

1. The link to the School Mental Health Ontario (SMHO) workshop on how to do early identification
2. The number of staff members who attended the School Mental Health Ontario workshops on how to do early identification
3. The designation of the staff members who did attend the School Mental Health Ontario workshop
4. The grades that these staff members who attended the School Mental health Ontario workshop regularly teach
5. The duration of the SMHO workshop

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: SEAC recommend to the Board that the Board staff provide SEAC with the following information before February 8th, 2023:

1. The evidence – based classroom strategies focusing on children in the early years as presented by BANCK
2. The number of staff members who attended the workshop demonstrating these evidence-based strategies
3. The designation of staff members who attended the evidence-based strategy workshop focusing on children in the early years
4. The grades that the members who attended the strategy course regularly teach

5. The duration of the strategy course

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: SEAC recommend to the Board that the Board staff provide SEAC with the following information before February 8th, 2023:

1. An example of the read and write apps and the names of the apps including an example of the orbit note
2. The number of staff members who attended the workshop presenting these apps and orbit note
3. The designation of staff members who attended the presentation of these read and write apps including the orbit note
4. The grades that the members who attended the presentation of these read and write apps including the orbit note normally teach
5. The duration of the presentation of the read and write apps including the orbit note

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: SEAC recommend to the Board that the Board staff provide SEAC with the following information before February 8th, 2023:

1. Examples be shown of what behaviour training was taught at the Geneva summit
2. The number of staff members who attended the Geneva summit courses involving behaviour training for children with autism
3. The designation of staff members who attended the Geneva summit training as of February 1st, 2023
4. The grades that the members who attended the Geneva summit normally teach
5. The duration of the Geneva summit behaviour training course
6. Feedback and criticism of the staff who attended the Geneva summit courses in regard to the behaviour training course

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: SEAC recommend to the Board that the Board staff provide SEAC with the following information before February 8th, 2023:

1. Sufficient budget is allocated for future staff to attend all workshops and Geneva summit courses offered

2. Enforcement of making these workshops mandatory for lower grades (JK and SK) teachers and assistants to attend these workshops and Geneva summit courses so that children can be identified as early as possible for special needs.

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