

Budget Advisory Committee Meeting
Input from Association for Professional Student Services Personnel “APSSP”
May 14, 2008

APSSP employees include:

- Attendance Counselors (2)
- Speech and Language Pathologists (3.5)
- Psychologist and Psycho-Educational Consultants (5)
- Social Workers (5)

APSSP staff provide:

- Direct intervention with staff, students and parents
- Informal consultations to staff
- Professional Development to Staff
- Lectures to students (suicide prevention, sexual harassment)
- Representation on several community and Ministry committees
- Court intervention services for students or parents charged with truancy under the Ed. Act
- Community Resource referral and knowledge about navigating the social services/special needs “system”.

In 2006-2007 APSSP staff provided input into the programming, or had direct involvement with more 2000 students.

Ideas to assist with financial position of WCDSB

Our ideas also include a shift in our current thinking, but consideration being given to how we operate might lend to other opportunities for income generation. This can be done within an integrated community such as WCDSB.

1. Purposeful, planned partnerships:

- Example: EIEI Project with KidsLink, (which is now called “Tools for Life”) which because of the initial planning and contracting that occurred between WCDSB and KidsLink has been a successful partnership for 15 years and thousands of our students benefited from that. A gap in services was identified and filled by a partnership agreement.
- RDO Office could assist in pursuing other opportunities for partnerships like this one that can begin with pursuing of grant money.

2. Opportunity for income generation with new legislation around learning to 18:

- Students who are taken off role or who are not attending school prevent WCDSB from receiving the per-pupil grant amount.
- If WCDSB could work to re-engage and track those students who are under the age of 18 and already taken off role, it is an opportunity to generate grant revenue for each and everyone of those students.