

June 10, 2015
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the **Special Education Advisory Committee** was held on Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cambridge Room, Education Centre, with the following members in attendance:

- Trustee members: John Hendry, Cindy Watson
- Association Members: Tina Blanchette, Elaine Brown, Mary Cunningham, Janine Oosterveld, Kris Pryke, Katherine Waybrant
- Association Alternates: Kristina Campbell, Jennifer Checkley, Marianne Domm, Molly Fortier, Liz Nickason
- Non-Association Members: Colleen Borman, Frank Johnson, Kevin Rempel, Amy Tupling

Board Staff in attendance: Stuart Cross, Scott R. Miller, Elaine Ranney, Erin Scott, Karin Sonnenberg

Regrets: Dawn Clelland, Sarah Drexler, Graham Dunn, Angela Sider

CALL TO ORDER

SEAC Chair K. Pryke called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1 .Moved by M. Cunningham, seconded by T. Blanchette:

That the agenda of the June 10, 2015, Special Education Advisory Committee meeting, be approved.

- Carried -

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Moved by J.Oosterveld, seconded by K.Campbell:

That the minutes of the May 13, 2015, Special Education Advisory Committee meeting, be approved.

- Carried -

SPECIAL EDUCATION UPDATE

WRDSB Threat Risk Assessment Process (Erin Scott, Critical Events Response Administrator)
S. Cross, System Administrator - Special Education, presented a power point on the Board's Social Work Department providing an overview of the department and it's role and responsibilities. (See attached *SEAC June 2015.pptx*).

E. Scott spoke on the subject of Critical Events Response. (See attached *Glossary of Risk Factors.pdf*).

Questions and Comments were fielded by S. Cross and E. Scott.

Special Education Plan Update - S. Cross

The sub-committee that has met has focused on section 4 Early Identification and Intervention strategies and, with the assistance of consultants, has provided clearer language and updated information to this section. (See attached *June 2 Section 4 rewrite.docx*).

In the next week the Spec Ed plan will be reviewed, edited and submitted to Ministry.

Ministry of Education Update - S. Miller, Assistant (to) Superintendent of Education - Special Education, presented an overview of Special Education Powerpoint of Provincial Information. (See *June SEAC Meeting Spec Ed Overview*).

Staffing Update - S. Miller reviewed some of the reorganization that has occurred at the Education Centre. E. Ranney, Superintendent of Education, will no longer be involved in Spec Ed next year. Thank you Elaine for your representation as a Senior Team Member at SEAC. Stuart Cross will be retiring this year. His replacement has not yet been announced. S. Miller thanked him for his commitment. S. Cross thanked members for their support and commitment not only to SEAC but to their associations as well.

S. Miller addressed the “Fail to Fill” question. It continues to be a problem, however, there is a huge commitment in getting staff on supply lists. He suggested that a sub-committee be formed to look into this problem.

Planning for 2015-16 - K. Pryke provided a handout for members to complete regarding “Start, Stop and Continue”. Please hand them in at the end of the meeting or fax to K. Pryke at 519-954-2712. She will compile them and present at the September meeting.

ROUND TABLE ASSOCIATION REPORTS

FASD – M. Cunningham

FASD with Sentinel Features – Diagnosis 1

FASD without Sentinel Features – Diagnosis 2

Designation – Neurodevelopment disorder- at risk of PAE (Prenatal Alcohol Exposure). Getting supports is assumed if a person receives this designation.

TRUSTEE REPORT

Trustee Watson informed members that a budget meeting was held tonight. No delegations came forward and budget deliberations will begin next week.

Trustee Hendry informed members that 182 employees retired at last night’s Board retirement dinner.

CHAIR REPORT

K. Pryke thanked Stuart for his service and commitment.

K. Pryke mentioned the letter from Liz Sandals, Minister of Education that was included in the attachments with the May minutes. The government will work on a provincial FASD strategy.

D. Clelland is unable to make SEAC meetings because MACSE is on second Wednesday in the

Months of October, March and June. Would members consider holding the SEAC meetings on the first Wednesday of those affected months? This will be discussed further in September.

End of Year celebration at Boston Pizza at end of meeting. Please join us.

S. Miller thanked SEAC members for the great year and wished all a wonderful summer.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next SEAC meeting date is Wednesday, September 9, 2015, 7:00 p.m., in the Cambridge Room, Education Centre.

ADJOURNMENT

3. Moved by J. Oosterveld , seconded by K. Waybrant :

That the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned.

- Carried -

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.