



# Special Education Advisory Committee

Minutes - December 12, 2018

A meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) was held on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at 7:00 pm, in the Cambridge Room, Education Centre, with the following members in attendance:

**Trustee:** None

**Association Members:** Tina Blanchette (Tourette Syndrome Foundation of Canada), Jennifer Checkley (Easter Seals), Mary Cunningham (FASD ONE Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder/Ontario Network of Expertise), Janine Oosterveld (Waterloo Regional Down Syndrome Society), Shannon Taylor (Epilepsy South Central Ontario), Katherine Waybrant (Ontario Federation of Cerebral Palsy)

**Association Alternates:** Danielle Brubacher (Tourette Syndrome Foundation of Canada), Sara Penny (Epilepsy South Central Ontario)

**Non-Association Members:** Stuart Cross (Family and Children Services of Waterloo Region), Deanna Driedger Seeger & Carmen Sutherland (Waterloo Region Family Network), Raas Siddiqui (Carizon Family & Community Services)

**Board Staff in Attendance:** Cindy Benedetti (System Administrator), Leonilda Gil (Administrative Assistant), Scott Miller (Superintendent, Student Achievement & Well-Being)

**Guest:** Josh Breen (Carizon Family & Community Services), Yousef El-rayani (Parent) Melanie Gravel (Chief Speech and Language Pathologist)

**Regrets:** Sophia Catania (Autism Ontario Waterloo Region), Amy Dibben (Waterloo Region Down Syndrome Society), Kathy Moreland (FASD/ONE Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder/Ontario Network of Expertise), Kris Pryke (Association for Bright Children of Ontario), Angela Sider (Parents For Children’s Mental Health - Waterloo Region), Corrie-ann Snow (Carizon Family & Community Services), Cindy Watson (Trustee)

## **Call to Order**

J. Oosterveld called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

## **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Shannon Taylor, seconded by Kathy Waybrant:

That the agenda of the December 12, 2018 meeting, Special Education Advisory Committee meeting, be approved.

- Carried –

## **Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Shannon Taylor, seconded by Carmen Sutherland:

That the minutes of the November 14, 2018 meeting, Special Education Advisory Committee, be approved.

- Carried –

## **Business Arising from the Minutes**

- None

## **Guest Speaker:**

### **Melanie Gravel (Chief Speech and Language Pathologist)**

- Movement of Professional Health Services from the Local Integrated Health Network (LIHN) to Care Treatment Centres (CTC) in Waterloo Region this is KidsAbility
  - School Based Rehab Services Review
    - What are school health support services?
    - Overview of Changes
    - Key Messages - 1 year contract starting January 7, 2019 until December 31, 2019
    - What does this mean for WRDSB?
    - What has changed?

### **Special Education Update – Scott Miller**

- Video: WRDSB Culturally Responsive and Relevant Pedagogy
  - [Culturally Relevant and Responsive Pedagogy Video](#)
- WRDSB Parent and Caregiver Anxiety Support Resource
  - Review of [Parent and Caregiver Resource](#)
  - Focus of this resource is on supporting Secondary Students
  - Resource will be posted to WRDSB and Secondary School Websites in January 2019
- OHRC: Accessible Education For Students With Disabilities
  - [Section 6 Feedback](#) - Policy on Accessible Education - Discipline, Safe Schools and Students with Disabilities
    - Review of highlighted areas that were seen as most important and reoccurring

- Overview and review of the modified day procedure Administrative Procedure 2340. Modified days are recorded in the Support 4 Students (S4S) Database.
  - Discussed Undue Hardship and how this is interpreted a school setting
  - Supporting staff by providing professional development with a focus on the Conditions for Learning (Relationships, Learning Environment and Assessment and Pedagogy) and working as a team to support staff students
  - Review and discussion of suspension/exclusion practices with an emphasis on a proactive approach
  - January SEAC Meeting - Staff will bring an example of the Green Safety Plan Binder that are housed in schools
- [Section 8 Priorities](#) - Review of Priorities for Duty to Accommodate

### **Chair Report - J. Oosterveld**

- Presentations from Associations will take place in February - Epilepsy, March - Waterloo Region Down Syndrome Society.
- No longer have association representation from VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children and CNIB/IEWS for the visually impaired
- Elections will be held at the January meeting for SEAC Chair and SEAC Vice Chair.

### **Trustee Report**

- S. Miller - Two trustees will assigned to SEAC and attend the January meeting.

## **Round Table Association Reports**

### 1. Waterloo Region Family Network - C. Sutherland

- 2019 Summer Camp & Recreation Fair - February 11, 2019 6-8 p.m. at The Family Centre - gym, flyer to be provided.
- Supporting Students With Learning Disabilities in Waterloo Region - February 11, 2019 7-8:30 p.m. at The Family Centre - Room 2015, flyer to be provided.
- Dreaming of Summer - Finding the Right Summer Camp for Your Child, Kitchener-Waterloo on February 4th from 6:30-8 p.m. at KidsAbility Waterloo and Cambridge on January 30th from 6:30-8 p.m. at Cambridge City Hall, flyer to be provided.

## **Other Business**

None

## **Date of Next Meeting**

The next SEAC meeting date is January 9, 2019, 7:00 p.m. in the Cambridge Room, Education Centre.

## **Adjournment**

Moved by Shannon Taylor, seconded by Kathy Waybrant:

That the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned.

- Carried -

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm