



Special Education Advisory Committee

Minutes - January 9, 2019

A meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) was held on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 7:00 pm, in the Cambridge Room, Education Centre, with the following members in attendance:

Trustees: Natalie Waddell, Cindy Watson

Association Members: Sophia Catania (Autism Ontario Waterloo Region), Mary Cunningham (FASD ONE Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder/Ontario Network of Expertise), Janine Oosterveld (Waterloo Regional Down Syndrome Society), Angela Sider (Parents For Children's Mental Health - Waterloo Region), Katherine Waybrant (Ontario Federation of Cerebral Palsy)

Association Alternates: Danielle Brubacher (Tourette Syndrome Foundation of Canada), Amy Dibben (Waterloo Region Down Syndrome Society)

Non-Association Members: Carmen Sutherland (Waterloo Region Family Network)

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

Guest: Tawyna Callaghan (Special Education Consultant)

Regrets: Tina Blanchette (Tourette Syndrome Foundation of Canada), Jennifer Checkley (Easter Seals), Stuart Cross (Family and Children Services of Waterloo Region), Deanna Driedger Seeger (Waterloo Region Family Network), Kathy Moreland (FASD/ONE Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder/Ontario Network of Expertise), Sara

Penny (Epilepsy South Central Ontario), Kris Pryke (Association for Bright Children of Ontario), Raas Siddiqui & Corrie-ann Snow (Carizon Family & Community Services), Shannon Taylor (Epilepsy South Central Ontario)

Call to Order

S. Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Mary Cunningham, seconded by Katherine Waybrant:
That the agenda of the January 9, 2019 meeting, Special Education Advisory Committee meeting, be approved.

- Carried -

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Carmen Sutherland, seconded by Katherine Waybrant:
That the minutes of the December 12, 2018 meeting, Special Education Advisory Committee, be approved.

- Carried -

Business Arising from the Minutes

- None

SEAC Chair and Vice Chair Vote

Katherine Waybrant nominated Janine Oosterveld for Chair, Angela Sider seconded the nomination. Janine was acclaimed as Chairperson.

Katherine Waybrant nominated Jennifer Checkley for Vice Chair, Mary Cunningham seconded the nomination. Jennifer was acclaimed as Vice Chairperson.

Guest Speaker:

Tawyna Callaghan (Special Education Consultant)

- Work and Transition Support Program (WATS) - presentation material to be shared.
 - Alternative Continuum of Education (ACE) Overview
 - Review of procedures, WATS team, guiding principal, the progression, community placements, independent placement opportunities, specialized opportunities, skill development and transition planning

Special Education Update – Scott Miller

- WRDSB Special Education Initiatives
 - Kindergarten Self-Regulation Initiative (KSI)
 - Review of objectives
 - Who is involved? Kindergarten Self-Regulation Team & 12 schools
 - What is happening?
 - Kindergarten Self-Regulation Survey Tool
 - Site based goal setting
 - Site based implementation
 - Cognitive items
 - Social emotional items
 - Excessive negative emotions
 - 60 classes in this initiative
 - Future agenda item - Self Regulation Presentation
 - Caregivers' Guide to Accessing Support for Students with Anxiety resource is now posted on the main WRDSB website and all secondary school websites. A copy will be sent out to members.
 - Mental Health Assist - [Everyday Mental Health Classroom Resource](#) - for grade 1 to grade 8

- OHRC: Accessible Education for Students with Disabilities
 - Section 8: Priorities and Building Criteria - deferred to next meeting

Chair Report - J. Oosterveld

- PIC Pro Grant has been approved. Will be connecting with the group to see if we could work together on TED Talk Parent event. Will be getting further information. Intention is to have workshops at 3 schools.

Trustee Report

- N. Waddel - The new Board or Trustees has been formed and of the 11 trustees 5 are new to the role - looking forward to working with this group.
- C. Watson - Transportation for students needing accessibility still an issue. Expectation is that students are riding together on field trips. Trustee Watson will follow up with Superintendent Matthew Gerard.

Round Table Association Reports

1. Waterloo Region Family Network - C. Sutherland
 - Individual Education Plan (IEP) Seminar on January 30th at 7-8:30 p.m. at the Family Centre.
2. Ontario Federation for Cerebral Palsy - K. Waybrant - association put out a statement that they are working with the suppliers for new donation bins that are safer.
3. Autism Ontario - S. Catania - Waterloo chapter is closing as of April but will still fall under the Ontario branch.

Other Business

None

Date of Next Meeting

The next SEAC meeting date is February 13, 2019, 7:00 p.m. in the Cambridge Room, Education Centre.

Adjournment

Moved by Kathy Waybrant, seconded by Angela Sider:

That the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned.

- Carried -

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm