



# Special Education Advisory Committee

Minutes - January 8, 2020

A joint Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting of the Waterloo Region District School Board with the Waterloo Catholic District School Board was held on Wednesday, January 8th, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Waterloo Region Police Service Headquarters (200 Maple Grove Road), with the following members in attendance:

**Trustee:** Natalie Waddell

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

**Association Alternates:** Kathy Moreland (FASD/ONE Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder/Ontario Network of Expertise), Sara Penny (Epilepsy South Central Ontario)

**Non-Association Members:** Stuart Cross (Family and Children's Services of Waterloo Region), 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)

**Regrets:** Josh Brenn & Raas Siddiqui (Carizon Family & Community Services), Danielle Brubacher (Tourette Syndrome Foundation of Canada), Jennifer Checkley (Easter Seals), Amy Dibben (Waterloo Regional Down Syndrome Society), Jane Martin (Ontario Federation of Cerebral Palsy), Kris Pryke (Association for Bright Children of Ontario),

Angela Sider (Parents For Children's Mental Health - Waterloo Region), Shannon Taylor (Epilepsy South Central Ontario), Cindy Watson (Trustee)

**Guest:** Angela Geddes (FASD), WCDSB SEAC Members, John Gilbert (WRPS - Staff Sergeant), Melissa Quarrie (WRPS - Special Olympics Manager), Cooper Moore, Allie Libertini, Kiara Wilson (Special Olympics Athletes)

## **Call to Order**

Janine Oosterveld called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

## **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Kathy Moreland seconded by Tina Blanchette:

That the agenda of the January 8, 2020 meeting, Special Education Advisory Committee meeting, be approved.

- Carried -

## **Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Mary Cunningham, seconded by Carmen Sutherland:

That the minutes of the December 11, 2019 meeting, Special Education Advisory Committee, be approved.

- Carried -

## **Business Arising from the Minutes**

- None

## **Special Olympics Presentation**

- [Go Beyond May 21-23, 2020, Provincial Spring Games Waterloo Region](#)
  - 635 athletes and 150 coaches are expected to attend including 20 local athletes

- What is Special Olympics?
- Living with an Intellectual Disability
- Sports at 2020 Spring Games
- Sporting Venues
- Opening & Closing Ceremonies
- Top 5 Ways for You to Get Involved
- Volunteer
- How to Draft an Athlete
- Fundraising

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

- Reminder that the election for chair and vice chair is postponed until February meeting.

### **Trustee Report**

- None

### **Round Table Association Reports**

- Waterloo Region Family Network - C. Sutherland
  - [Summer Camp & Recreation Fair](#) on February 5, 2020, 6-8 p.m. at KidsAbility, 500 Hallmark Drive, Waterloo
  - WRFN is excited to be partnering with Developmental Services Ontario (DSO) to offer an Information Session on [Using Technology to Increase Independence](#). Amber Armstrong, Housing Navigator for DSO Central West Region, will present on **Technology to Promote Independence**. This session is being offered on Thursday, February 6 from 7–9 p.m.
  - Information sessions on Transition to High School - Tuesday, January 28 at St. Benedict and Wednesday, January 29 at WRDSB Education Centre. Flyers will be coming, but in the meantime know that both of these will

include a panel and that the same information will be shared no matter what session people attend.

- Waterloo Regional Down Syndrome - J. Oosterveld
  - Please join DSRF speech language pathologists and teachers for a comprehensive 8 part webinar series designed to maximize successful classroom participation for learners with Down Syndrome and other developmental disabilities. See the [Educator Series Flyer](#) for the outline and descriptions. Registration is now open at the following link: [www.DSRF.org/EducatorWebinars](http://www.DSRF.org/EducatorWebinars)

### **Date of Next Meeting**

The next SEAC meeting date is February 12, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

Moved by Tina Blanchette, seconded by Kathy Moreland:  
That the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned.

- Carried -

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.