



Special Education Advisory Committee

Minutes - June 5, 2019

A meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) was held on Wednesday, June 5, 2019 at 5:30 pm, in the Cambridge Room, Education Centre, with the following members in attendance:

Trustee: Natalie Waddell, Cindy Watson

Association Members: Tina Blanchette (Tourette Syndrome Foundation of Canada), Sophia Catania (Autism Ontario Waterloo Region), Jennifer Checkley (Easter Seals), Mary Cunningham (FASD ONE Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder/Ontario Network of Expertise), Janine Oosterveld (Waterloo Regional Down Syndrome Society), Kris Pryke (Association for Bright Children of Ontario), Angela Sider (Parents For Children's Mental Health - Waterloo Region), Shannon Taylor (Epilepsy South Central Ontario)

Association Alternates: Danielle Brubacher (Tourette Syndrome Foundation of Canada)

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: Matthew Gerard (Coordinating Superintendent, Business Services and Treasurer of the Board)

Regrets: Stuart Cross (Family and Children’s Services of Waterloo Region), Amy Dibben (Waterloo Region Down Syndrome Society), Deanna Driedger Seeger (Waterloo Region Family Network), Josh Brenn & Raas Siddiqui (Carizon Family & Community Services), Kathy Moreland (FASD/ONE Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder/Ontario Network of Expertise), Sara Penny (Epilepsy South Central Ontario), Katherine Waybrant (Ontario Federation of Cerebral Palsy)

Call to Order

Janine Oosterveld called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Carmen Sutherland, seconded by Tina Blanchette:

That the agenda of the June 5, 2019 meeting, Special Education Advisory Committee meeting, be approved.

- Carried –

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Kris Pryke, seconded by Mary Cunningham:

That the minutes of the May 8, 2019 meeting, Special Education Advisory Committee, be approved.

- Carried –

Business Arising from the Minutes

- None

Budget 2019-2020

Guest Speaker: Matthew Gerard, Coordinating Superintendent, Business Services and Treasurer of the Board

- [Presentation Budget Update](#)

1. 2019-20 Grants for Student Needs (GSN)
2. Attrition Protection Funding
3. Special Education Funding
4. Priorities and Partnerships Fund
5. Next Steps

Special Education Update – Scott Miller

- [Everyone Has A Talent](#) - America's Got Talent Video
- WRDSB Special Education Handbook (Staff Site)
 - SEA funds used for Board Member License for all staff to access and use
 - Review of Special Education Program Information Tab
 - Special Education Handbook is currently available only to staff, moving forward the hope is to share this information on the public site
- October Report Discussion
 - Shared student integration information through a new report that has been developed in Support For Students
- IPRC Discussion - deferred

Chair Report - J. Oosterveld

- [SEAC - School Year in Review](#)
 - Vision
 - Guiding Principles
 - Beyond SEAC
 - SEAC Meetings
- [SEAC 2018-2019 Year in Review](#)
 - Small group discussion and feedback

Trustee Report

- Draft Motion Discussion
 - Integrated Transportation for Students with Special Needs
 - Review of the draft Motion further discussion - September meeting
 - Grand River Transit - would this be an option
 - Concern regarding pick up and drop off times
 - Specific areas of focus can be listed
 - Need to look at off campus forms as to how we can make planning for trips for students with special needs - agenda item for next year.
 - Review of Policy 6004
 - Take this item to the WRDSB Equity and Inclusion Advisory Group additional feedback and insight

Round Table Association Reports

1. Waterloo Region Family Network - C. Sutherland
 - [Find your Passion Event](#) on August 24, 2019 at Woolwich Memorial Centre, 24 Snyder Avenue South, Elmira. Families and individuals of all abilities are invited to come explore many of the accessible sport and recreation opportunities that Waterloo Region has to offer.
2. Waterloo Region Down Syndrome Society - J. Oosterveld
 - 2019 Up Side Down Charity Golf Tournament on June 11 at Grey Silo Golf Course.

Date of Next Meeting

The next SEAC meeting date is September 11, 2019, 7:00 p.m. in the Cambridge Room, Education Centre.

Adjournment

Moved by Jennifer Checkley, seconded by Shannon Taylor:

That the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned.

- Carried -

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm