



Special Education Advisory Committee

Minutes - March 11, 2020

A meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) was held on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 7:00 pm, in the Cambridge Room, Education Centre, with the following members in attendance:

Trustee: Natalie Waddell

Association Members: Jennifer Checkley (Easter Seals), Angela Geddes (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), Kathy Waybrant (Ontario Federation of Cerebral Palsy)

Association Alternates: Jane Martin (Ontario Federation of Cerebral Palsy), 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)

Regrets: Tina Blanchette (Tourette Syndrome Foundation of Canada), Josh Brenn & Raas Siddiqui (Carizon Family & Community Services), Danielle Brubacher (Tourette Syndrome Foundation of Canada), Amy Dibben (Waterloo Region Down Syndrome Society), Sharon Hutton (Parents For Children's Mental Health - Waterloo Region), Scott Miller (Superintendent, Student Achievement & Well-Being), Kathy Moreland (FASD/ONE Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder/Ontario Network of Expertise), Kris Pryke

(Association for Bright Children of Ontario), Shannon Taylor (Epilepsy South Central Ontario), Cindy Watson (Trustee)

Call to Order

Sara Penny called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Kathy Waybrant seconded by Angela Sider:

That the agenda of the March 11, 2020 meeting, Special Education Advisory Committee meeting, be approved.

- Carried -

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Janine Oosterveld, seconded by Stuart Cross:

That the minutes of the February 12, 2020 meeting, Special Education Advisory Committee, be approved.

- Carried -

Business Arising from the Minutes

- None

Special Education Update – Cindy Benedetti

- Right to Read - Ontario Human Rights Commission Survey
 - <http://www.ohrc.on.ca/en/right-read-public-inquiry-on-reading-disabilities>
 - Committee members had a chance to complete the survey
- [Role of the Special Education System Administrator](#) - presentation overview:
 - WRDSB Strategic Plan
 - Conditions for Learning

- Who Is Our Team?
- Universal Design - Tier 1
- Building Staff Capacity
- Celebrating Social Work Awareness
- Areas of Focus
- Health and Safety
- Facility
- Problem Solving
- Unions
- Community

Chair Report - S. Penny

- Open Discussion: 2020-2021 Budget Priorities - deferred to next month
- Shared letter from [Great Essex County D.S.B.](#) regarding supporting the concerns of the Durham District S.B in regard to the current inactive status of MACSE (Minister/s Advisory Council on Special Education).
 - Agreed to get a letter together in support of filing these vacancies. S. Penny to draft a letter and bring it to the next meeting.

Trustee Report

- Deferred to April meeting.

Round Table Association Reports

1. Ontario Federation of Cerebral Palsy - K. Waybrant - [Gala in Windsor](#) on May 29, 2020.
2. FASD - A. Geddes - [Bill 172](#) - an Act in relation to Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder currently in discussions and training.

3. Down Syndrome Society - J. Oosterveld, [World Down Syndrome Day Celebration](#) on March 21st at Maxwell's Concerts & Events, 35 University Ave. East, Waterloo.
4. Epilepsy - S. Penny, March 26th is Epilepsy Awareness Day. Encouraged to wear purpose to increase Epilepsy Awareness.

Date of Next Meeting

The next SEAC meeting date is April 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Moved by Angela Sider, seconded by Kathy Waybrant:
That the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned.

- Carried -

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm