



Special Education Advisory Committee

Minutes - November 14, 2018

A meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) was held on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 7:00 pm, in the Cambridge Room, Education Centre, with the following members in attendance:

Trustee: John Hendry, Cindy Watson

Association Members: Tina Blanchette & Danielle Brubacher (Tourette Syndrome Foundation of Canada), 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), Kris Pryke (Association for Bright Children of Ontario), Angela Sider (Parents For Children's Mental Health - Waterloo Region), Shannon Taylor (Epilepsy South Central Ontario), Katherine Waybrant (Ontario Federation of Cerebral Palsy)

Association Alternates: Amy Dibben (Waterloo Region Down Syndrome Society), Sara Penny (Epilepsy South Central Ontario)

Non-Association Members: Stuart Cross (Family and Children 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)

Guest: Graham Shantz (Superintendent, Student Achievement & Well-Being - IT), Rebecca Rouse (IT Consultant), Andrea Stephen (Digital Literacy Support Teacher), Yousef El-rayani (Parent)

Regrets: Jennifer Checkley (Easter Seals), Dawn Clelland (CNIB/IEWS for the visually impaired), Deanna Driedger Seeger (Waterloo Region Family Network), Kathy Moreland (FASD/ONE Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder/Ontario Network of Expertise), Raas Siddiqui & Corrie-ann Snow (Carizon Family & Community Services)

Call to Order

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

Approval of Agenda

Moved by S. Taylor, seconded by C. Sutherland:

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

- Carried -

Approval of Minutes

Moved by S. Taylor, seconded by K. Pryke:

That the minutes of the October 10, 2018 meeting, Special Education Advisory Committee, be approved.

- Carried -

Business Arising from the Minutes

- None

WRDSB Information Technology Services:

**Graham Shantz, (Superintendent, Student Achievement & Well-Being - IT),
Rebecca Rouse (IT Consultant), Andrea Stephen (Digital Literacy Support
Teacher)**

- Review of Digital Citizenship Website which included information on:
 - What is digital citizenship?
 - Why is it important?
 - How is digital citizenship supported at school?
 - How does the use of digital tools support your child's learning?
 - Who to contact?
 - How can I support digital citizenship at home
 - What is a digital footprint?
 - Why is it important?
 - How can my child create a positive digital footprint?
<https://www.wrdsb.ca/learning/digital-citizenship/>
 - MediaSmarts Digital Citizenship Guide for Parents
<http://mediasmarts.ca/parents/digital-citizenship-guide-parents>
 - SEAC members had small group discussions to give feedback to Board staff on digital citizenship website.

Special Education Update – Scott Miller

- [Coffee Cart Video](#) from Margaret Avenue P.S. with ACE students
- WRDSB EQAO Results (Special Education) - graphs reviewed on Grade 3 & 6 reading, writing and math testing, Grade 9 Academic and Applied Mathematics and the Grade 10 Literacy Test
[WRDSB Special Education EQAO Results](#)
- WRDSB Safe Caring and Inclusive School Survey Update

- MDI was used last year. Research Department is collecting results of the data.
 - OnSIS data collection is being prepared and will have information at future meeting.
- Culture Responsive and Relevant Pedagogy
 - [Culturally Relevant and Responsive Pedagogy Video](#)
 - Focus is on knowing your student and how you can engage your students in your class.
 - Work being done with 32 schools this year (24 Elementary and 8 Secondary)
 - OHRC: Accessible Education For Student With Disabilities
 - Section 6 and Section 8 review
 - Highlight 5 items under section 8 that you would like to focus on
 - Breakout group work collecting information on Section 6:
 - What we appreciated most about this section?
 - What are the questions that we have?
 - What are our priorities?

Chair Report - J. Oosterveld

- Potluck social for December meeting.
- Asked for volunteers for association presentation for 20 minutes - contact Janine to identify which meeting works best for your association.
- Motion for to have SEAC endorse a letter to be sent to the Ministry of Education to support the importance of Parent Reaching Out Grants. Would like this to be done in partnership with PIC (Janine to contact the chairperson on PIC). Chair of

SEAC to draft letter to be sent to board moved by Sara Penny, seconded by Mary Cunningham.

- Carried -

- Acknowledgement and thank you to John Hendry for his years of service on SEAC as Trustee Representative.

Round Table Association Reports

1. Epilepsy - S. Penny & S. Taylor - requesting name change to Epilepsy South Central Ontario.

2. Waterloo Region Family Network - C. Sutherland

- Ask a Self-Advocate, flyer to be provided.
- Creative Solutions and Supports for in Risk Students - November 26 at the Family Centre, flyer to be provided.
- Understanding High School for Students on the Autism Spectrum - December 4 at WRDSB, flyer to be provided.

3. Ontario Federation of Cerebral Palsy - K. Waybrant - was contacted for a statement regarding a bullying incident that happened to a student with CP. Her own experience has been positive and inclusive. Contact her if you have any information.

Other Business

None

Date of Next Meeting

The next SEAC meeting date is December 12, 2018, 7:00 p.m. in the Cambridge Room, Education Centre.

Adjournment

Moved by K. Pryke, seconded by A. Sider:

That the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned.

- Carried -

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm