



Special Education Advisory Committee

Minutes - November 13, 2019

A meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) was held on Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 7:00 pm, at Forest Heights Collegiate Institute, 255 Fischer-Hallman Rd, Kitchener, with the following members in attendance:

Trustee: Cindy Watson

Association Members: Tina Blanchette (Tourette Syndrome Foundation of Canada), 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), Katherine Waybrant (Ontario Federation of Cerebral Palsy)

Association Alternates: Danielle Brubacher (Tourette Syndrome Foundation of Canada), Jane Martin (Ontario Federation of Cerebral Palsy), Kathy Moreland (FASD/ONE Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder/Ontario Network of Expertise), Sara Penny (Epilepsy South Central Ontario)

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)

Guests: Jeff Bumstead, Carol Dey, Stephen McCrae, Andrea Michelutti

Regrets: Josh Brenn & Raas Siddiqui (Carizon Family & Community Services), Stuart Cross (Family and Children's Services of Waterloo Region), Amy Dibben (Waterloo Region Down Syndrome Society), Deanna Driedger Seeger (Waterloo Region Family Network), Shannon Taylor (Epilepsy South Central Ontario), Natalie Waddell (Trustee)

Call to Order

Janine Oosterveld called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Kathy Moreland, seconded by Kris Pryke:

That the agenda of the November 13, 2019 meeting, Special Education Advisory Committee meeting, be approved.

- Carried -

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Carmen Sutherland, seconded by Angela Sider:

That the minutes of the October 9, 2019 meeting, Special Education Advisory Committee, be approved.

- Carried -

Business Arising from the Minutes

- None

Special Education Update – Scott Miller

- Tour of the Forest Heights ACE Classrooms

- Ministry of Education - [Special Education Update](#)
 - Trends in Special Education: Demographics
 - Special Education as a Percentage of Overall Student Population
 - Overview of students receiving Special Education Programs and/or Services 2017-18
 - Number of students identified as “exceptional”
 - Special Education Grants
 - Special Education Priorities and Partnership Funding 2019-20
 - Enhancing Education Supports for Students with ASD
 - ASD Consultation
 - Mental Health Resources
 - Service Animals in Schools
 - Minister’s Advisory Council on Special Education (MACSE)
 - Accessibility Standard for Education
- [EQAO Special Education Information and Results](#)
- PPM 163
 - [Draft Board Policy](#) - Use of Service Animals by Students
 - There is directed language as to what type of animals can be used at schools. They need to be registered and licensed. Currently we have service dogs in schools.
 - As of January 1st, 2020 there will be a WRDSB Policy that will be in effect in addition to the current procedure [AP2020 Use of Service Dogs.](#)
 - Committee members encouraged to provide feedback to the draft policy.
- Off Campus Procedure Review
 - Form IS-11-FA review [feedback](#)
- Suspension and Expulsion Ad Hoc Committee is looking for a member of SEAC to join and provide feedback. If you are interested please advise Scott Miller.
- Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) is looking for two members of SEAC to volunteer with the Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant to help evaluate submissions for PRO grant funds. The evaluation committee will be comprised

of a representative or two from each of PIC, SEAC and EIAG. There will be a time commitment in January of at least 2 meetings. The timing and length of these meetings will be driven by the number of submissions received. If you are interested please advise Scott Miller.

Chair Report - J. Oosterveld

- EQAO Letter
 - Chair has provided the letter to be shared with the Board of Trustees in DEcember
- [PAAC on SEAC Survey](#) and [LDAO November SEAC Circular](#) provides an explanation of the survey and contains a link to the survey. Feel free to complete the survey on your own or we will have chromebooks available at the December meeting if you wish to complete it at the meeting.
- Potluck social for December meeting.

Trustee Report

- None

Round Table Association Reports

1. Sara Penny, Epilepsy South Central Ontario - gift wrapping fundraiser at Conestoga Mall over the holidays.

Date of Next Meeting

The next SEAC meeting date is December 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Moved by Sara Penny, seconded by Angela Sider:

That the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned.

- Carried -

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm