



# Special Education Advisory Committee

Minutes - October 10, 2018

A meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) was held on Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at 7:00 pm, in the Cambridge Room, Education Centre, with the following members in attendance:

**Trustee:** John Hendry

**Association Members:** Tina Blanchette (Tourette Syndrome Foundation of Canada), Sophia Catania (Autism Ontario Waterloo Region), Jennifer Checkley (Easter Seals), Dawn Clelland (CNIB/VIEWS for the visually impaired), 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 Waterloo-Wellington), Katherine Waybrant (Ontario Federation of Cerebral Palsy)

**Association Alternates:** Kathy Moreland (FASD/ONE Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder/Ontario Network of Expertise)

**Non-Association Members:** Deanna Driedger Seeger & 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:** Danielle Brubacher (Tourette Canada), Connor Henderson (Student from Brock University), Raas Siddiqui (Carizon Family & Community Services)

**Regrets:** Stuart Cross (Family and Children Services of Waterloo Region), Mary Cunningham (FASD ONE Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder/Ontario Network of Expertise), Amy Dibben (Waterloo Region Down Syndrome Society), Graham Dunn (VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children), Sara Penny (Epilepsy Waterloo-Wellington), Sonya Petrella (Carizon Family & Community Services), Corrie-ann Snow (Carizon Family and Community Services), Cindy Watson (Trustee), Faye Zevenbergen (Tourette Syndrome Foundation of Canada)

## **Call to Order**

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

## **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Shannon Taylor, seconded by Kris Pryke:

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

- Carried -

## **Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Jennifer Checkley, seconded by Carmen Sutherland:

That the minutes of the September 12, 2018 meeting, Special Education Advisory Committee, be approved.

- Carried -

## **Business Arising from the Minutes**

- None

## **Association Presentation: Jenn Checkley & Katherine Waybrant**

- Ontario Federation for Cerebral Palsy
  - World Cerebral Palsy Day on October 6
  - Presentation to be shared with members and handouts provided
  - 34,126 Ontarians living with cerebral palsy as of 2010
  - Biggest challenge is being integrated
  - Resource “Without a Voice” book by Judith Hartman

## **Special Education Update – Scott Miller**

- Shared Youtube video - Justin Gallegos is first athlete with cerebral palsy to sign a professional contract with Nike  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P5du-U-i do>
- Culture Responsive and Relevant Pedagogy
  - Will review video in the future
- EQAO Result
  - Review presentation on the 2017-18 results. L. Gil to provide a copy of the Board Report
  - Research Department is working on further updates including analysis of students with special needs
- Special Education Plan Review - Update
  - Cindy Benedetti, System Administrator is meeting with the WRDSB Communications Department and will be getting a small group together to look at the plan on the WRDSB website. Cindy asked for volunteers and will setting up a few dates with communications to meet.

- Discussion Topic: Ontario Human Rights Commission Policy

### **Accessible Education for Students with Disabilities**

- Handout provided and review of Section 6 and Section 8
- Discussion took place based on the Executive summary: Ongoing barriers discussion, are they still an issue?
- Gap in assessing students was identified
- Decisions for board assessments are made in School Multi-Disciplinary Team meetings
- Physical inaccessibility, need to build in universal accommodations into the curriculum

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

- Nomination Reminder - send letters by October 31, 2018.
- Committee Updates - deferred to next meeting.

### **Trustee Report**

- Accessibility Standards council is looking at education in accessibility.

### **Round Table Association Reports**

1. D. Clelland - CNIB - looking at going to transit stops to evaluate design considerations for vision for people with sensory issues. Listen to different sounds at a transit stop. Wants to look at accessibility in our community. Contact Dawn if interested.

2. C. Sutherland - WRFN Association Update - FREE WRFN Family Conference held at Bingeman's Conference Centre Saturday, November 3. We also have Ask A Self-Advocate starting again Monday, November 5. L. Gil to send on flyers.

### **Other Business**

None

### **Date of Next Meeting**

The next SEAC meeting date is November 14, 2018, 7:00 p.m. in the Cambridge Room, Education Centre.

### **Adjournment**

Moved by Dawn Clelland, seconded by Kathy Moreland:

That the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned.

- Carried -

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm