

Special Education Advisory Committee

Minutes - October 9, 2019

A meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) was held on Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at 7:00 pm, in the Cambridge Room, Education Centre, with the following members in attendance:

Trustee: Natalie Waddell, Cindy Watson

Association Members: 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)

Association Alternates: Amy Dibben (Waterloo Region Down Syndrome Society), 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), Scott Miller (Superintendent, Student Achievement & Well-Being)

Guests: Sharon Hutton

Regrets: Tina Blanchette (Tourette Syndrome Foundation of Canada), Josh Brenn & Raas Siddiqui (Carizon Family & Community Services), Danielle Brubacher (Tourette

Syndrome Foundation of Canada), Deanna Driedger Seeger (Waterloo Region Family Network), Kathy Moreland (FASD/ONE Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder/Ontario Network of Expertise), Shannon Taylor (Epilepsy South Central Ontario), Katherine Waybrant (Ontario Federation of Cerebral Palsy)

Call to Order

Janine Oosterveld called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Stuart Cross, seconded by Kris Pryke:

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

- Carried -

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Stuart Cross, seconded by Carmen Sutherland:

That the minutes of the September 11, 2019 meeting, Special Education Advisory Committee, be approved.

- Carried -

Business Arising from the Minutes

 Correction to Facility Update and Opportunity: "Forest Heights has renovated what was previously a machine shop into 2 large ACE Program Classrooms."

Special Education Update - Scott Miller

 Motion to add Jane Martin as alternate for Ontario Federation of Cerebral Palsy moved by Jennifer Checkley, seconded by Mary Cunningham.

- November meeting will be held at Forest Heights Collegiate Institute (FHCI).
 There will be a tour of the new ACE Classrooms and the meeting will take place in the FHCI Library.
- EQAO Assessment Results
 - The K to 12 Road Map to 100 Graduation and Pathways to Success
 - Each and every student has the opportunity to reach their potential, graduate and be successful in their chosen pathway
 - Striving to ensure our students are prepared to:
 - Succeed in elementary school
 - Successfully transition to secondary schools
 - Graduate from secondary schools
 - Reach their post-secondary goals and pathways
- Review Administrative Procedure 1580 Off-Campus I, II & III
 - Divided into 2 groups for discussion and feedback on summary and off-campus form.

Chair Report - J. Oosterveld

- Grade 10 Literacy Test Concerns
 - Review of draft letter and suggested changes
 - Motion to accept letter with suggested changes moved by Sara Penny, seconded by Kris Pryke
 - Janine Oosterveld to send to Scott Miller

Trustee Report

- Integrated Transportation for Students with Special Needs
 - Suggested to take <u>Board Policy 6004 Outdoor Education/Off Campus</u>
 <u>Education</u> to Agenda Development to be reviewed and revised.
 - C. Watson & N. Waddell agreed to bring to Agenda Development.

Round Table Association Reports

- 1. Waterloo Regional Down Syndrome A. Dibben & J. Oosterveld
 - More to Me Campaign photo series challenging the stereotypes of people with
 Down Syndrome
 - Chef On Call Fundraiser launches October 1st, \$2 from every burger going to WRDSS for the month of October, 130 Columbia St. West, #812
 https://www.chefoncalldelivery.com/

Date of Next Meeting

The next SEAC meeting date is November 13, 2019, 7:00 p.m. at Forest Heights C.I.

Adjournment

Moved by Angela Sider, seconded by Kris Pryke:

That the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned.

- Carried -

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm