

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEAC)

Monday, June 22, 2020 - 9:30 a.m.

Microsoft Teams

SEAC Members: Lorie Hill, FASworld Canada; Jackie Ralph, Canadian Mental Health Association, Grey Bruce Branch Mental Health and Addiction Services; Alicia Rosenberg, Bruce Grey Child & Family Services; Michelle Scobie, Keystone Child, Youth & Family Services; Michelle Shevalier, Member-at-Large (Vice-Chair); Marlene Webb, Community Living Walkerton and District.

Trustee Members: Tracy Lynn Atkinson (Chair), Marilyn McComb.

Student Senators:

Resource Staff: Cynthia Lemon, Superintendent of Education; Blair Hilts, Learning Services Administrator; Joyce Nicoll, Executive Assistant (Recorder).

Absent: Alexandra Oestreicher, Student Senator - Walkerton District Community School; Julianna Rutledge, Student Senator - Kincardine District Senior School.

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION / DECISION / ACTION	FOLLOW UP
1. Welcome & Acknowledgement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cynthia Lemon welcomed everyone. Tracy-Lynn was unable to chair the meeting. With the absence of the Vice-Chair, Jackie Ralph volunteered to act as chair. 	
2. Approval of Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lorie Hill requested to speak about FASD Day recognition to the agenda. This discussion will take place under Item 9. <p>Moved by: Michelle Scobie That the agenda for June 22, 2020 of the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting be approved. Carried</p>	
3. Approval of Minutes	<p>Moved by: Marilyn McComb That the Minutes for May 25, 2020 of the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting be approved. Carried</p>	
4. Business Arising from the Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None. 	
5. Voices from the Field	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blair Hilts introduced Speech and Language Pathologist Val Lauckner-Morano, who provided a presentation on Phonemic Awareness. Val also explained that the Ontario Human Rights Commission is completing an inquiry on how reading instruction is done in Ontario schools. The report will inform the Ministry of Education on recommended changes. Michelle Shevalier joined the meeting at 9:44 a.m. 	- J. Nicoll - share PowerPoint
6. Student Voice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None. 	
7. Superintendent Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cynthia provided an update on the work and planning that is being done at a board level for returning to school in September. This will likely include the adaptive option that will separate students into cohorts of 15 students, alternating online and in-school learning. Cynthia gave a brief overview of the work that is being done by department staff 	- J. Nicoll - share PowerPoint

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Michelle Scobie gave her appreciation for all of the work that has been done and will continue through the summer. 	
8. Trustees Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marilyn McComb, Trustee provided an update of the June 16, 2020 Board Meeting. 	
9. Member(s) Update and Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lorie Hill gave an update on Bill 172 and will bring it forward again in September. She provided suggestions on how schools can participate in FASD Day on September 9, 2020. Cynthia requested Lorie provide her with suggestions and recommendations, so they can be sent to schools. Marlene Webb reported her organization continues to be available to assist families. Staff have been involved in school meetings, and have raised concerns with regards to what school will look like for students with complex medical needs. Cynthia assured those students will be considered in part of the reopening plans. Alicia Rosenberg provided an update on the support they are providing families. They are planning academic celebrations for graduating youth; and she highlighted some of the initiatives they are working on during the summer. Michelle Scobie reported that Keystone has moved to virtual platform, which is working well. They are working on reopening plans in their bigger locations, which can accommodate physical distancing. She provided information about the hospital and resident admissions through the pandemic. The organization is considering providing ongoing virtual support, but they are concerned they may not be able to respond to urgent matters effectively. Jackie Ralph said her organization is also working on reopening plans. She gave an update on the projects summer student will be helping out with. Their recent fundraising events were very successful and exceeded their goals, and they are providing training and resources for people to access online. 	<p>- L.Hill – follow-up with Cynthia</p>
10. SEAC Communications 11.1 Question of the Week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cynthia reminded SEAC that they can provide suggestions for Question of the Week. 	
11. SEAC Self Reflection Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SEAC agreed to continue completing the survey. The questions were reviewed and no changes were made. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JN – send link to survey
12. IPRC Survey Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No surveys have been completed since the last update. 	
13. Notice of Motion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Notices of Motion. 	
14. Agenda Building 2020-2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> September – Return to School Plan October - New IEP Writer in eLite Update on the Minister's Advisory Council on Special Education 	

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15. Communications Received	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letters received from Halton Catholic District School Board and Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board to the Minister of Education were reviewed. 	
16. Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cynthia congratulated Michelle Scobie on her retirement. Cynthia noted that the document from the Ministry of Education around the reopening of schools supports the continuation of virtual board meetings in the fall. This will apply to SEAC as well. 	
17. Adjournment	<p>Moved by: Tracy-Lynn Atkinson That the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting adjourn at 11:10 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>	