

## SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEAC)

September 23, 2019 - 9:30 a.m.

Teeswater River Room

Bluewater District School Board Education Centre, Chesley

**SEAC Members:** Lorie Hill, FASworld Canada; 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:** Alexandra Oestreicher, Walkerton District Community School;

**Resource Staff:** Blair Hilts, Learning Services Administrator; Joyce Nicoll, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

**Absent:** Cynthia Lemon, Superintendent of Education; Jackie Ralph, Canadian Mental Health Association, Grey Bruce Branch Mental Health and Addiction Services; Brittany Knight, Member-at-Large; Julianna Rutledge, Student Senator - Kincardine District Senior School

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION / DECISION / ACTION	FOLLOW UP Sept. 24, 2018
1. Welcome & Acknowledgement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chair Tracy Lynn Atkinson welcomed everyone. Each member introduced themselves.</li> <li>It was noted that Michelle Scobie, Keystone Child, Youth &amp; Family Services is a newly appointed member, and Brittany Knight, Member-at-Large has resigned.</li> </ul>	
2. Approval of Agenda	<p><b>Moved by: Michelle Shevalier</b>  <b>That the agenda for September 23, 2019 of the Special Education Advisory Committee be approved.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Carried</b></p>	
3. Approval of Minutes	<p><b>Moved by: Lori Hill</b>  <b>That the Minutes for June 24, 2019 of the Special Education Advisory Committee be approved.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Carried</b></p>	
4. Business Arising from the Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No business arising</li> </ul>	
5. Voices from the Field	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blair Hilts, Learning Services Administrator presented on the High Skills Specialist Major, and the Innovation, Creativity, and Entrepreneurship ICE initiative.</li> <li>He highlighted the proven success and growth of the program over the last ten years, especially for students in workplace and college levels.</li> <li>Blair shared brochures that provide an overview of the programs, and spoke to the red seal diploma.</li> <li>He explained the progression of students working towards their diploma, including completing co-op programs and an apprenticeship through OYAP.</li> <li>Lorie Hill, FASworld Canada shared her son's positive experience with the Construction SHSM program.</li> </ul>	
6. Student Voice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alexandra Oestreicher, Student Senator - Walkerton District Community School shared that the student senate is working on starting their initiatives.</li> <li>She also shared her experience with the SHSM program.</li> </ul>	
7. Superintendent Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blair Hilts presented the Superintendent Update on behalf of Cynthia Lemon, Superintendent of Education. The work performed by learning services student support staff was outlined.</li> </ul>	- J. Nicoll - share power point

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8. Trustees Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Marilyn McComb, Trustee gave an overview of the recent Board Meeting.</li> <li>Tracy Lynn Atkinson invited everyone to the John Diefenbaker Senior School Grand Opening on October 3, 2019 at 12:30 p.m.</li> </ul>	
9. Member(s) Update and Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alicia Rosenburg, Bruce Grey Child &amp; Family Services shared information about October being child abuse prevention month. They will also begin their work preparing for internal post-secondary apprenticeship or college programs.</li> <li>Lorie Hill, FASworld Canada provided an update on the FASD Day which occurred on Sept. 9. Student Senator Alexandra Oestreicher and Chair Tracy Lynn Atkinson provided suggestions to help distribute information packages in the schools.</li> <li>Lorie also provided an overview of a recent guest speaker event at the Owen Sound Health Unit, and of the mentoring study currently taking place in London.</li> <li>Lorie has provided information documents that will be shared with the group by Joyce Nicoll.</li> <li>Michelle Scobie, Keystone Child, Youth &amp; Family Services provided information around hiring the full complement of counsellors, and shared information about dialectical therapy sessions be offered in Owen Sound.</li> </ul>	- J. Nicoll – share FASD information
10. SEAC Self Evaluation Result	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The results of the SEAC Self-Evaluation were reviewed.</li> </ul>	
11. Priorities and Goals for SEAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The SEAC brochure was reviewed. Brittany Knight will be removed due to her recent resignation.</li> <li>It was suggested the student senator representatives be added.</li> </ul>	- J. Nicoll – update brochure
12. SEAC Communications 12.1 Question of the Week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No suggestions for Question of the Week.</li> </ul>	
13. Notice of Motion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Notices of Motion.</li> </ul>	
14. Agenda Building 2019-2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The following ideas were brought forward: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SAL and Flex programs</li> <li>Dave Barrett, OYAP and the trades trailer</li> <li>Grade 8 to 9, and grade 12 to College transitions</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
12.1 October Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was confirmed that the October SEAC meeting will take place at John Diefenbaker Senior School.</li> </ul>	
15. Communications Received	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SEAC letters from Hastings Prince Edward District School Board and Greater Essex County District School Board were reviewed.</li> <li><b>Moved By: Lorie Hill</b> <b>That the Special Education Advisory Committee prepare letters in support of the letters received.</b> <b>Not Carried</b></li> <li>The committee agreed to revisit this after more information is provided at the October meeting. Tracy Lynn Atkinson will speak to Cynthia about how these issues affect Bluewater.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Add to October agenda</li> <li>- T. Atkinson – follow up</li> </ul>
16. Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No other business.</li> </ul>	
17. Adjournment	<p><b>Moved by: Lorie Hill</b> <b>That the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting adjourn at 11:12 a.m.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Carried</b></p>	