

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEAC)

Monday, April 27, 2020 - 9:30 a.m.

Microsoft Teams

- SEAC Members:** 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).
- Trustee Members:** Tracy Lynn Atkinson (Chair), Marilyn McComb.
- Student Senators:** Alexandra Oestreicher, Student Senator - Walkerton District Community School;
- Resource Staff:** Cynthia Lemon, Superintendent of Education; Blair Hilts, Learning Services Administrator; Joyce Nicoll, Executive Assistant (Recorder).
- Absent:** Lorie Hill, FASworld Canada; Marlene Webb, Community Living Walkerton and District; Julianna Rutledge, Student Senator - Kincardine District Senior School.

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION / DECISION / ACTION	FOLLOW UP
1. Welcome & Acknowledgement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Tracy Lynn Atkinson welcomed everyone. Cynthia Lemon provided the land acknowledgement. Regrets were received from Lori Hill and Marlene Webb. 	
2. Approval of Agenda	<p>Moved by: Michelle Shevalier That the agenda for April 27, 2020 of the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>	
3. Approval of Minutes	<p>Moved by: Michelle Shevalier That the Minutes for February 24, 2020 of the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">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 gave an overview of Holistic Arts-based Program, which fits in with the Ministry's priority of student well-being. Blair highlighted the partnerships made with local agencies to help implement the program in our schools. The practice of mindfulness and its benefits were outlined. 	
6. Tour of Special Education Virtual Learning Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blair Hilts presented the virtual learning environment website and explained the various methods used to connect with students and share learning and support resources. 	
7. Student Voice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alexandra Oestreicher shared she's heard of the challenges and successes students are having with online learning. The student senate is using Instagram to connect and support students. 	
8. Superintendent Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cynthia Lemon presented a PowerPoint sharing the work that has been done to implement Continuous Learning. She explained that teachers can use a variety of platforms to provide learning to their students. She provided an update on the school closure date. Cynthia explained the process for IPRCs this year. 	- J. Nicoll - share PowerPoint

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9. Trustees Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marilyn McComb, Trustee provided an update of the April 21, 2020 Board Meeting, highlighting the appointment of the new Director of Education. 	
10. Member(s) Update and Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Michelle Scobie shared that Keystone is open for business, doing video and phone counselling. She highlighted the partnership they made to provide new toys to children each week. She shared the Monthly Family Engagement meeting reviewed all the steps Keystones has taken to reach families, and they suggested this is a good time to collect data around barriers to services that could be used in the future. Jackie Ralph shared Kids Help Phone has experienced a 350% increase in calls. She will send SEAC members an email to share what they had provided to students before March Break. The Kids Help Phone Walk scheduled for May 3 has been changed to a Virtual Dance Party on May 31. Alicia Rosenberg shared her organization is still open, and are continuing to provide supports virtual, as well as some home visits. 	
11. Special Education Plan Subcommittee Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The changes to the Special Education Plan were reviewed. <p>Moved by: Michelle Scobie That the Special Education Plan 2020 be approved as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>	
12. Review IPRC Survey Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No new feedback has been received since the last update. It was decided to continue collecting feedback, but to move the survey to Microsoft Forms. 	
13. Meeting Dates 2020/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting dates were reviewed. <p>Moved by: Michelle Shevalier That the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting dates for 2020-2021 be approved as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>	
14. ADDED - Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Michelle Scobie announced she will be retiring and there will be a replacement representative for next year. 	
15. SEAC Communications 14.1 Question of the Week 14.2 FASD Letter of Support Consideration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There were no suggestions for Question of the Week. Cynthia shared the Thought Exchange process that is currently occurring. Deferred due to Lorie Hill's absence. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defer to May
16. Notice of Motion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Notices of Motion. 	
17. Agenda Building 2019-2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
18. Communications Received	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee reviewed letters received from Greater Essex County District School Board and Avon Maitland District School Board. 	

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19. Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None. 	
20. Adjournment	<p>Moved by: Marilyn McComb That the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting adjourn at 10:27 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>	