

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEAC)

Monday, December 14, 2020 - 9:30 a.m.

Teeswater River Room

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 Shevalier, Member-at-Large (Vice-Chair); Liz Thomas, Keystone Child, Youth & Family Services; Marlene Webb, Community Living Walkerton and District

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

Student Senator: Alexis Hollister, Student Senator - John Diefenbaker Senior School

Resource Staff: Sheryl Elliott, Superintendent of Education; Melissa McEwen, Learning Services Administrator; Amanda Sims, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Absent: Alexis Hollister

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION / DECISION / ACTION	FOLLOW UP
1. Welcome & Acknowledgement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tracy Lynn Atkinson, Chair welcomed everyone. Lorie Hill, FASworld Canada, and Marlene Webb, Community Living Walkerton and District, joined the meeting through Microsoft Teams. Director of Education, Lori Wilder, joined the meeting to introduce herself to the committee. 	
2. Approval of Agenda	<p>Moved by: Marilyn McComb That the agenda for December 14, 2020 of the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting be approved. Carried</p>	
3. Approval of Minutes	<p>Moved by: Liz Thomas That the Minutes for November 23, 2020 of the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting be approved. Carried</p>	
4. Business Arising from the Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No business arising. 	
5. Voices from the Field – Augmentative Communication: A success story in the making	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hugh Morrison and Rebecca Cushnie joined the meeting via Teams. Donna Morrison, Hugh Morrison, and Rebecca Cushnie presented a PowerPoint highlighting a student's progress. 	<p>- A. Sims - share PowerPoint</p> <p>- D. Morrison to provide updates on student progress throughout the year</p>
6. Student Voice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None. 	
7. Superintendent Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sheryl Elliott, Superintendent of Education provided an update on the ongoing work being done by members of the Learning Services – Student Support department. 	- A. Sims - share PowerPoint
8. Trustee Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marilyn McComb, Trustee provided an update of the December 1, 2020 Board Meeting. 	

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9. Member(s) Update and Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liz Thomas, Keystone Child, Youth & Family Services advised that Keystone Residence name has been changed to Keystone Live-In Treatment. Liz also shared the challenges her organization is experiencing with staffing. Funding has been received to implement a new FASD position. The focus will be for the new FASD worker to have an intentional connection with indigenous communities. All programs will be closed from December 24, 2020 to January 4, 2021, with the exception of psych beds at the hospital. Alicia Rosenburg, Bruce Grey Child & Family Services, provided an update on the Education Mentor Program being launched and other various programs being brought forward. Will remain open during the holiday break. Jackie Ralph, Canadian Mental Health Association, Grey Bruce Branch Mental Health and Addiction Services, advised an OTF grant was received and will bring the team back to three people. Will be hiring one SSW/CYW or similar for high school programs, and an EA/ECE or similar to support elementary presentations. Jackie shared the many initiatives and events they are supporting including: ASK programs, We Care, Be Safe App, Mental Health Drop-in Clinics Michelle Shevalier, Member-at-Large, had no updates to report. Marlene Webb, Community Living Walkerton and District, had no updates to report. Lorie Hill, FASworld Canada, advised she is joining the province's Educational Action Group for FASD. 	
10. SEAC Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None. 	
11. Review IPRC Survey Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Melissa McEwen provided an update on the letter shared with parents and survey results. 	<p>- S. Elliott and M. McEwen to review process for gathering survey results</p> <p>- A. Sims to add survey link to SEAC page on website.</p>
12. Review Terms of Reference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No changes required. 	
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"> January – Update from Psychology, elections for Chair and Vice-Chair February – Overview of Mental Health Services in BWDSB March – Teacher of the Blind update 	
15. Communications Received	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None. 	

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16. Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future online meetings <p>Moved by: Liz Thomas That the Special Education Advisory Committee hold the meetings scheduled for January 25, 2021 and February 22, 2021 virtually via Microsoft TEAMS.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>	
17. Adjournment	<p>Moved by: Marilyn McComb That the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting adjourn at 11:03 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>	