

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEAC)

March 25, 2019

9:30 a.m.

Bluewater District School Board Education Centre, Chesley

SEAC Members:	Lorie Hill, FASworld Canada; Sandra Kilby, Keystone Child, Youth & Family Services; Brittany Knight, Member-at-Large; 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); Marlene Webb, Community Living Walkerton and District
Trustee Members:	Tracy Lynn Atkinson (Chair), Marilyn McComb
Resource Staff:	Wendy Kolohon, Superintendent of Education; Lisa Emke, Learning Services Administrator; Darlene Thomson, Executive Assistant (Recorder)
Absent:	Moir Robertson, Student Senator
Guests:	Laura and Terry Holder, parents

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION / DECISION / ACTION	FOLLOW UP Mar. 25, 2019
1. Welcome and Acknowledgement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tracy Lynn Atkinson welcomed everyone. Alicia Rosenberg and Lorie Hill attended by teleconference. 	
2. Approval of Agenda	<p>Moved by: Marilyn McComb That the Agenda for March 25, 2019 of the Special Education Advisory Committee be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>	
3. Approval of Minutes	<p>Moved by: Michelle Shevalier That the Minutes for January 28, 2019 of the Special Education Advisory Committee be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>	
4. Business Arising from the Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No business arising. 	
5. Voices from the field	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tyler Bragg, Attendance Counsellor, gave SEAC an overview of the role and Bluewater District School Board supports. 	
6. Student Voice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report is available. 	
7. Superintendent Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wendy Kolohon, Superintendent of Education gave an overview of the work of the learning services – student support staff. The changes by the Ministry of Education to the Mental Health Workers only working in secondary was mentioned. The government announcement regarding supports for students diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder was discussed. SEAC members that are on the IEP/IPRC SEAC Sub-committee are asked to click on link sent out in an email from Lisa Emke. If interested, in joining the sub-committee, please send an email to Lisa Emke. 	Darlene to send PowerPoint to SEAC
8. Trustees Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marilyn McComb, Trustee, gave an overview of the recent board meeting. 	
9. Member(s) Update and Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sandra Kilby, representative of Keystone Child, Youth & Family Services gave an overview of the upcoming events and the work of the agency. Brittany Knight, member-at-large, spoke about her involvement with special needs and accessibility. The autism 	

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	<p>supports and professional development sessions being offered in Bluewater District School Board were discussed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marlene Webb, representative of Community Living Walkerton and District, gave an overview of an upcoming event of the agency. • Jackie Ralph, representative of Canadian Mental Health Association, Grey Bruce Branch Mental Health and Addiction Services gave an overview and of upcoming events of the agency. 	
10. Special Education Plan Subcommittee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEAC members that offered to be part of the Special Education Plan Subcommittee are Tracy Lynn Atkinson and Michelle Shevalier. • Information will be sent out for a meeting towards the end of May. 	
11. SEAC Communications 11.1 Letter of Support for Upper Grand District School Board 11.2 Question of the Week 12. 3 Social Media (Tweets)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEAC reviewed the draft letter of support for Upper Grand District School Board. <p>Moved by: Michelle Shevalier That SEAC recommends Bluewater District School Board approve the distribution of the letter of support for Upper Grand District School Board.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEAC members are reminded to send any information they would like posted on Bluewater District School Board's social media to Darlene. • The "Question of the Week" was read. • SEAC would like to put forth a recommended question dealing with on-line learning for credits and how will that affect the learning for students with special needs. 	<p>Information to Darlene</p> <p>SEAC Question of the Week submission</p>
12. Notice of Motion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Notices of Motion. 	
13. Agenda Building 2018-2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Education Plan Subcommittee recommendation – June 	
14. Communications Received	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEAC letters from Durham District School Board, Peel District School Board, and Thames Valley District School Board were reviewed. 	
15. Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No other business. 	
16. Adjournment	<p>Moved by: Michelle Shevalier That the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting adjourn at 11:25 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>	