

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEAC)

Monday, September 28, 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

Resource Staff: Melissa McEwen, Learning Services Administrator; Joyce Nicoll, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Absent: Cynthia Lemon, Superintendent of Education; Alexis Hollister, Student Senator - John Diefenbaker Senior School

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION / DECISION / ACTION	FOLLOW UP
1. Welcome & Acknowledgement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tracy Lynn Atkinson, Chair welcomed everyone, and had each person introduce themselves. Marlene Webb, Jackie Ralph and Joyce Nicoll joined the meeting through Microsoft Teams. 	
2. Approval of Agenda	<p>Moved by: Marilyn McComb That the agenda for September 28, 2020 of the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting be approved. Carried</p>	
3. Approval of Minutes	<p>Moved by: Michelle Shevalier That the Minutes for June 22, 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"> Melissa McEwen, Learning Services Administrator made a presentation around the Return to School Plan that was implemented. She highlighted the work done by several teams throughout the summer to prepare for the return of students in the classroom. The group discussed transition concerns, and provided feedback. Melissa will follow-up at the next meeting with the number of students enrolled in the remote school with special education needs. 	<p>- J. Nicoll - share PowerPoint</p> <p>- M. McEwen – follow-up</p>
6. Student Voice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None. 	
7. Superintendent Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Melissa McEwen, on behalf of Superintendent of Education Cynthia Lemon provided an update on the ongoing work being done by members of the Learning Services – Student Support department. 	- J. Nicoll - share PowerPoint
8. Trustees Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marilyn McComb, Trustee provided an update of the September 22, 2020 Board Meeting. 	

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9. Member(s) Update and Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alicia Rosenberg shared that October is child abuse prevention month. She also shared that her organization is experiencing many calls from schools. Lorie Hill shared that September is FASD recognition month. She shared the background of Bill 172. The second reading has been deferred until February 25, 2021. Lorie is looking for SEAC's support of this bill. Jackie Ralph shared their organization did a window display in support of FASD day. Liz Thomas shared that referrals are back to pre-COVID levels after experiencing fewer referrals in the spring and summer. They are offering some face-to-face sessions, and continue to provide services virtually. She shared challenges they face in their residence due to COVID restrictions. Marlene Webb shared they are also providing some limited backyard visits, but most support is offered virtually. Working on helping families access funding from ministry that normally wouldn't be available for certain purposes. Jackie Ralph provided an update on the many initiatives her organization is involved in, including connecting through Facebook and TikTok, puppet shows, providing back to school kits, distributing suicide prevention kits with We Care partners, and some presentations. She also shared that next week is Mental Illness Awareness week. 	
10. Minister's Advisory Council on Special Education Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tracy Lynn has not received any further information from the Ministry. 	
11. SEAC Self-Reflection Survey Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The results of the Self-Reflection Survey were reviewed. 	
12. SEAC Priorities and Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The priorities and goals were reviewed. 	
13. SEAC Communications	<p>13.1 Question of the Week</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tracy Lynn shared the Question of the Week remains on hold due to the amount of information going out to parents. 	
14. Notice of Motion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Notices of Motion. 	
15. Agenda Building 2020-2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> October - New IEP Writer in eLite Other suggestions included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SAL Program – Note: after the meeting it was confirmed this had already been discussed in November 2019 - Special Incidence Portion Claims - School Mental Health Ontario 	
16. Communications Received	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The letter from Durham District School Board to the Minister of Education was reviewed. The group asked to have Cynthia summarize the content of the Conseil Scolaire Catholique Nouvelon letter at the next meeting. 	- add to next agenda
17. Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None. 	
18. Adjournment	<p>Moved by: Michelle Shevalier That the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting adjourn at 10:45 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>	