

LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Kingsway Park School
Thunder Bay, Ontario

2018 NOV 21

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kelly Matyasovszky (Vice Chair)
Angela Hill
Mike Otway
Miranda Myers

Jennifer Bean
Cory Koski
Trustee George Saarinen

OTHERS PRESENT:

Colleen Kappel

ABSENT REGRETS:

Laura Sylvestre (Chair)
Danielle Miller
Trustee Marg Arnone

Liz Tod
Wilma Kleynendorst

GUESTS:

Darren Lentz
Lori Badanai

Kathy Shyiak
Carys Sabaz

1. **Call to Order**

Kelly Matyasovszky, Vice Chair of SEAC, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. **Approval of the Agenda**

Item 9.5 Transition Committee and 10.2 PIC Funding were added to the agenda.

Moved by Trustee George Saarinen

Seconded by Cory Koski

“THAT the agenda for the November 21, 2018 SEAC meeting be approved as amended.”

CARRIED

3. **Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

4. Presentations

4.1. Kingsway Park School – Academy and Social Skills Presentation and Tour

Darren Lentz, Principal, introduced Lori Badanai, Vice Principal, Carys Sabaz, Facilitator and Kathy Shyiak, SSP. A shared a presentation on Life and Social Skills including:

- an outline of the initiative;
- program overview;
- benefits to the program; and
- challenges with maintaining the program.

Following the presentation members were given a tour of the academy. Member's questions were addressed.

Darren Lentz and his team were thanked for their commitment to students, as well as their presentation.

4.2. Operational Plan

Colleen Kappel, Superintendent of Education shared the 2018-2019 Operational Plan for Lakehead District School Board highlighting key items including:

- Increase the understanding, acceptance, and engagement of students whose well-being may be at risk;
- Mental health and well-being literacy training for students, staff and community members with a focus on brain development;
- Expanding and strengthening community partnerships and pathways; and
- Engaging parents as key partners in mental health and well-being initiatives.

5. Approval of the Minutes

Moved by Mike Otway

Seconded by Angela Hill

“THAT the minutes of the October 17, 2018 SEAC meeting be approved as amended.”

CARRIED

6. Business Arising From the Minutes

There was no business arising from the October 17, 2018 minutes.

7. Correspondence

The correspondence folder was circulate for members' perusal. Colleen Kappel, Superintendent of Education made note of the letter from Upper Grand District School Board that was sent to the Minister of Education regarding support of Bill 44.

8. Advocacy Tracking

The advocacy tracking template was circulate for member completion.

9. New Business

9.1. 2017-2018 SEAC Annual Report

Colleen Kappel, Superintendent of Education presented the report.

Moved by Mike Otway

Seconded by Angela Hill

“THAT SEAC approve the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Annual Report for presentation at the Inaugural Meeting of the Lakehead District School Board on December 4, 2018.”

CARRIED

9.2. SEAC Nominations 2018-2022

Colleen Kappel, Superintendent of Education, provided an update on the nominations for the next term. Nine agencies and three community members have submitted nominations to SEAC for the 2018-2022 term of office. A report will be submitted to the Board at the December 4, 2018 Inaugural Meeting requesting all eligible applications be approved as members of SEAC. Ms. Kappel also shared a note from Laura Sylvestre, who will be stepping down from SEAC. Members by consensus agreed to purchase a gift for Ms. Sylvestre to thank her for her time on SEAC.

9.3. Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Report

Mike Otway noted he was unable to attend the meeting and unable to share a report.

9.4. SEAC Representative on Parent Advisory Committee (PIC)

The Parent Advisory Committee is requesting a new representative from SEAC to sit on the committee to replace Laura Sylvestre. Mike Otway will represent SEAC as the regular representative and Miranda Myers will assume the role as alternate representative.

9.5. Transition Committee

Cory Koski provided highlights from the Agnew / Edgewater Transition Committee meeting including changes in construction plays and expected delays. The Transition Committee will meet every 2 months until the transition date until such time when transition ramp up begins.

10. Information/Inquiries & Association Reports

10.1. SEAC Orientation – December 12, 2018

Colleen Kappel, Superintendent of Education noted all newly appointed members will be invited to attend an orientation and social at 6:00 pm on December 12 and the regular SEAC meeting will begin at 6:30 pm.

10.2. Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Funding

Members were advised that the Parent Involvement Committee approved the allocation of \$1500.00 to SEAC for 2018-2019. Members were asked to consider ideas to utilize the funds. Suggestions can be forwarded to Robin Orr and shared at the next meeting.

11. Board Update

Trustee George Saarinen provided highlights on the following meeting:

- October 23 Regular Board Meeting
 - Trustee Recognition Award – Ashley Nurmela;
 - Ontario Public School Board's Association Report;
 - Success Advisory Committee Report;
 - Student Transportation Services of Thunder Bay Committee Report;
 - Adult and Continuing Education Report;
 - Appointments to the 2018-2019 Parent Involvement Committee;
 - Revisions to the 2014 Procedural by-Law and Notice to Enact; and
 - Short-Term Borrowing resolution.

- November 13 Standing Committee Meeting
 - Legal Representation Report;
 - Policy 6040 Reporting of Children in Need of Protection;
 - Policy 8061 Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee;
 - Policy 8070 Safe Schools – System Expectations; and
 - Naming of the New School Report.

12. Adjournment

Moved by Mike Otway

Seconded by Miranda Myers

"THAT we do now adjourn at 7:06 p.m."

CARRIED