

LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Jim McCuaig Education Centre
Thunder Bay, Ontario

2019 MAR 20

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Liz Tod (Chair)
Kelly Matyasovszky (Vice Chair)
Miranda Myers
Wilma Kleynendorst
Carey Murphy (A)
Suzanne Posthumus
Trustee Trudy Tuchenhagen (A)

Danielle Miller
Cory Koski
Debby Dick (A)
Ruth Vannieuwenhuizen (A)
Therese Zaroski
Angela Hill

OTHERS PRESENT:

Colleen Kappel

Lori Carson

ABSENT REGRETS:

Trustee George Saarinen
Trustee Sue Doughty-Smith
Mike Otway

Jennifer Bean
Ashley Etienne (A)

GUEST

Maggie Rutter

Mahejabeen Ebrahim

1. **Call to Order**

Liz Tod, Chair of SEAC, called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Ms. Tod reviewed the meeting procedures that were sent to members with the meeting package.

2. **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Cory Koski

Seconded by Wilma Kleynendorst

“THAT the agenda for the March 20, 2019 SEAC meeting be approved.”

CARRIED

3. **Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

4. Presentations

4.1 Equity Update

Maggie Rutter, Education Office provided an update on equity initiatives including:

- On Friday, March 29 Jeremy Diaz, Founder of Canadian Centre for Gender and Sexual Diversity, will be presenting a key note address at two secondary schools covering topics including bullying, safe spaces, and creating a school culture centered around community and inclusion.
- Jamie Plater, Student Trustee, is hosting a Youth Empowerment, Activism and Volunteerism Conference on Tuesday March 26, 2019, which will include speakers from Lakehead District School Board, the city of Thunder bay Crime Prevention Council, and Urban Abbey.
- The Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) is holding a Summit on May 3, 2019 for secondary students. The summit will include four to five different workshops and breakout sessions.
- Trustee Ellen Chambers; on behalf of Diversity Thunder Bay, and Leslie Hynnes, Administrator of Sherbrooke Public School, will be hosting Coming Together to Talk with Youth Day on April 30, 2019 at Lakehead University.
- Mahejabeen Ebrahim, Human Rights and Equity Advisor has been providing professional learning for school administrators and board office staff related to human rights and equity.
- Mahejabeen Ebrahim, Human Rights and Equity Advisor, and Ashley Nurmela, FMNI Community Liaison Officer, will begin delivering Trust, Reconciliation and Rights training to all staff.

Ms. Rutter was thanked for her time and update.

5. Approval of the Minutes

Moved by Trustee Trudy Tuchenhagen

Seconded by Suzanne Postumus

“THAT the minutes of the February 20, 2019 SEAC meeting be approved.”

CARRIED

6. Business Arising From the Minutes

6.1. 2019-2020 Budget Deputation

Liz Tod, Chair of SEAC addressed the draft 2019-2020 Budget Deputation submission circulated with the meeting package and asked for members feedback. Discussion ensued. *“Support schools financially to explore innovative strategies to promote student success and professional sharing”* will be added under item “3.3 Student Supports”. The revised budget deputation will be submitted to the Budget Committee. Cory Koski and Colleen Kappel will present the deputation to the Budget Committee on April 2, 2019.

6.2. Parent / Community Engagement Session

Colleen Kappel, Superintendent of Education has a teleconference scheduled for March 21, 2019 with representatives from Apple to discuss a parent / community engagement session. Sharon Pyke is also reviewing her availability to share a "Sleep" presentation at a parent / community engagement event. Ms. Kappel will provide an update at the April 17, 2019 SEAC meeting.

7. Correspondence

There was no correspondence to circulated.

8. Advocacy Tracking

The advocacy tracking template was circulated for member completion.

9. New Business

9.1. Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Report

Mike Otway was unable to attend the March 4, 2019 PIC meeting therefore, a report was not presented.

9.2. Newsletters

Members were reminded to submit organizational newsletters / information to Robin Orr that they would like to distributed to schools.

10. Information/Inquires & Association Reports

Cory Koski shared that on April 2, 2019 in recognition of World Autism Awareness Day, City Hall is hosting "Raise the Flag" event at 11:00 am.

Liz Tod noted March 21, 2019 is Downs Syndrome Awareness Day.

Members asked how information being released by the government will impact students with special needs (i.e. cell phone use in schools). Colleen Kappel noted Board staff are working through information that is available and that she will share an update at a future meeting.

11. Board Update

Trustee Trudy Tuchenhausen provided highlights on the following meeting:

- February 12 Standing Committee Meeting
 - Learning Academies at Lakehead Public Schools Report;
 - Recommendations for the review of policies;
 - 6050 Food and Beverage
 - 6065 Prevalent Medical Conditions
 - 4030 Territorial Student Program - Transportation and Services
 - 4035 Board and Lodging – Payment

- Recommendation for the Appointment of an External Member to the Audit Committee; and
- Recommendation for the Approval of Appointment to the Special Education Advisory Committee
- February 26 Regular Board Meeting
 - Trustee Character Award to Carys Sabaz & Kathy Shyiak, Kingsway Park Public School;
 - Edgewater Park Public School “Walking at the Edge” presentation;
 - Ontario Public School Boards’ Association Report;
 - Safe Schools Report;
 - Director’s Action Plan;
 - Approval of policy 6050 Food and Beverage, 6065 Prevalent Medical Conditions, 4030 Territorial Student Program-Transportation and Services, and 4035 Board and Lodging-Payment; and
 - Appointment of appointments to the Audit Committee and SEAC.

12. Adjournment

Moved by Wilma Kleynendorst

Seconded by Cory Koski

“THAT we do now adjourn at 6:41 p.m.”

CARRIED