

LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Jim McCuaig Education Centre
Thunder Bay, Ontario

2019 NOV 20

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kelly Matyasovszky (Vice Chair)
Carey Murphy (A)
Suzanne Posthumus
Trustee George Saarinen
Trustee Sue Doughty-Smith

Angela Hill
Wilma Kleynendorst
Ashley Etienne (A)
Mike Otway

OTHERS PRESENT:

Michelle Probizanski

Lori Carson

ABSENT:

Liz Tod (Chair)
Miranda Myers
Jennifer Bean

Cory Koski
Debby Dick

1. **Call to Order**

Kelly Matyasovszky, Vice Chair of SEAC, called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Trustee George Saarinen

Seconded by Wilma Kleynendorst

“THAT the agenda for the November 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. **Accessibility Plan**

David Wright, Superintendent of Business presented information regarding the Accessibility Plan and noted that progress continues in absence of a current plan. As per the Plan, SEAC is one of the groups who is presented with the plan to provide input. Discussion ensued and questions were addressed. Members were asked to email Michelle Probizanski or Robin Orr with any feedback by December 2, 2019. An updated Accessibility Plan will be used to inform Ministry reporting which is due December 31, 2019.

Robin Orr will email a copy of the Accessibility Plan and Multi-Year Capital Plan Board report to members.

4.2. Operational Plan

Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education shared that the Strategic Plan is under review and until it has been finalized, the current Operational Plan is still in effect. Once a new Operational Plan has been developed it will be brought to a future meeting.

4.3. Member Presentations

Kelly Matyasovszky, Vice Chair of SEAC asked members to identify meetings to present on their organizations and to email Robin Orr with chosen dates.

5. Approval of the Minutes

Moved by Ashley Etienne

Seconded by Angela Hill

“THAT the minutes of the October 16, 2019 SEAC meeting be approved.”

CARRIED

6. Business Arising From the Minutes

6.1. 2019-2020 SEAC Draft Work Plan - Advocacy

Angela Hill noted members of the sub-committee has been assigned a section of the province, and are in the process of reviewing how other Boards are managing advocacy. An update will be provided at the January 15, 2020 SEAC meeting.

6.2. SEAC Video

Trustee Sue Doughty-Smith noted the sub-committee met however; not all members were able to attend. There was some discussion at the sub-committee meeting about parameters. A second meeting will be scheduled and an update will be provided at the January 15, 2020 SEAC meeting.

6.3. Community Representative on SEAC

Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education share that a recruitment advertisement has been placed on the Board website and Facebook page.

6.4. School Awards

Item deferred to next meeting.

6.5. IEP/IPRC Materials

Item deferred to next meeting. Lori Carson provided copies of IEP and IPRC brochures for members' information.

7. Correspondence

The correspondence folder was share for members' perusal.

8. Advocacy

8.1. Advocacy Tracking

The advocacy tracking template was circulated for member completion.

8.2. Summary of Monthly Advocacy Tracking

Kelly Matyasovszky, Vice Chair referred to the advocacy tracking summary included in the meeting package. Monthly monitoring will continue.

9. New Business

9.1. 2019-2020 SEAC Annual Report

Kelly Matyasovszky, Vice Chair of SEAC 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 3, 2019."

CARRIED

9.2. Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Report

Mike Otway provided an update to the November 18 PIC meeting including:

- PIC Chair and Vice-Chair elections;
- Pro-Grants;
- Summer Program Presentation;
- Funding to AEAC and SEAC; and
- Potential OSSTF action.

Robin Orr will invite A.J. Keene to present Summer Programs at the December 11, 2019 SEAC meeting.

9.3. Special Olympics – Draft an Athlete

Lori Carson, Special Education Officer shared information on supporting an athlete for the February 2020 Special Olympics. Options for sponsorship include:

- donating to the provincial Draft an Athlete campaign – donations made by November 21, 2019 will be matched by an anonymous donor; or
- donate to local athletes from Thunder Bay.

Moved by Wilma Kleynendorst

Seconded by Suzanne Posthumus

“THAT SEAC approve sponsoring a local athletes in the amount of \$700.00.”

CARRIED

9.4. Kindergarten Registration and High School Open House

Kelly Matyasovszky, Vice Chair of SEAC advised members that Kindergarten Registration will take place January 27, 2020 at the Valhalla. Item will be tabled at the December 11, 2019 SEAC meeting.

Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education noted High School Open Houses will take place in February 2020 and this would be a good opportunity for SEAC representatives to be present. Mike Otway, Trustee Sue Doughty-Smith and Trustee George Saarinen agreed to attend. Michelle Probizanski will share dates.

9.5. High School Course Calendars

Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education suggested including SEAC information in the High School Course Calendars that are sent home with grade 8 students in January. Members agreed to proceed with including SEAC information. Michelle Probizanski will follow up

9.6. PAaC on SEAC

Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education shared an email from PAaC on SEAC, requesting individual SEAC members to participate in a survey. Robin Orr will email members the information including the link to the survey.

10. Information/Inquires & Association Reports

Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education shared that Autism Ontario is partnering with Child and Community Resources to deliver the Understanding Autism presentation on December 5. Robin Orr will email information to members.

11. Board Update

Trustees George Saarinen shared the following highlights from the October 22 Board meeting:

- .STSTB Consortia update;
- Appointments to PIC; and
- Presentation from the Student Trustee

Trustee Sue Doughty-Smith shared the following highlights from the November 12 Standing Committee meeting:

- Policy update regarding the display of flags;
- Multi-year capital plan; and
- Legal fees report.

12. Adjournment

Moved by Wilma Kleynendorst

Seconded by Trustee George Saarinen

"THAT we do now adjourn at 6:53 p.m."

CARRIED