

LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Jim McCuaig Education Centre
Thunder Bay, Ontario

2019 DEC 11

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Liz Tod (Chair)
Trustee George Saarinen
Trustee Sue Doughty-Smith
Wilma Kleynendorst
Mike Otway

Miranda Myers
Suzanne Posthumus
Cory Koski
Debby Dick

OTHERS PRESENT:

Michelle Probizanski

Lori Carson

ABSENT:

Kelly Matyasovszky (Vice Chair)
Angela Hill

Jennifer Bean
Ashley Etienne (A)

1. **Call to Order**

Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. **Elections**

2.1. **Election of Chair**

Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education explained the process for electing a Chair and Vice Chair of SEAC. Ms. Probizanski noted there were no pre-nominated for the position of Chair of SEAC. Cory Koski nominated Liz Tod; Ms. Tod accepted the nomination. Superintendent Probizanski called for nominations from the floor three times. There were no further nominations.

Motion to Close Nominations for Election of Chair

Moved by Trustee George Saarinen Seconded by Wilma Kleynendorst

“THAT nominations for the position of Chair be closed.”

CARRIED

Liz Tod was acclaimed as Chair of SEAC and assumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

2.2. Election of Vice Chair

Liz Tod, Chair of SEAC, announced there were no pre-nominations. Wilma Kleynendorst nominated Kelly Matyasovszky; Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education accepted the nomination on behalf of Ms. Matyasovszky. Liz Tod called for nominations from the floor three times. There were no further nominations.

Motion to Close Nominations for Election of Vice Chair

Moved by Suzanne Posthumus Seconded by Trustee Sue Doughty-Smith

“THAT nominations for the position of Vice Chair be closed.”

CARRIED

Kelly Matyasovszky was acclaimed as Vice Chair of SEAC.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Cory Koski

Seconded by Mike Otway

“THAT the agenda for the December 11, 2019 SEAC meeting be approved.”

CARRIED

4. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

5. Presentations

5.1. Mental Health Work Plan – Year 1

Megan Tiernan, Mental Health Lead presented the Mental Health Work Plan for year 1 and highlighted: priorities, training, school and system mapping, developing and maintaining community partnerships, and documentation and record keeping. Discussion ensued and questions were addressed.

Ms. Tiernan was thanked for her time and presentation.

5.2. Summer Programs

A.J. Keene, Early Years and Program Principal presented highlights on 2018-2019 summer programs including: funding, number of camps, focus and outcomes, student attendance, excursions, and community partners. Mr. Keene addressed member questions. A suggestion to include a camp or to open additional spots for special needs to students. Mr. Keene asked for recommendations on advertising and how to incorporate requirements for special needs students to be successful at these camps. Suggestions are to be shared with Mr. Keene by May 2020.

Mr. Keene was thanked for his time and presentation.

5.3. Service Animals in Schools Policy 8075

Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education presented the newly created Service Animals in Schools Policy 8075. Feedback can be submitted to the Director's office by January 3, 2020.

5.4. Member Presentation – Dilico Anishinabek Family Care

Wilma Kleynendorst shared an in-depth presentation on Dilico Anishinabek Family Care and outlined: who Dilico is, services and programs provided, and who can access services.

Ms. Kleynendorst was thanked for her presentation.

Miranda Myers left the meeting.

6. Approval of the Minutes

Moved by Mike Otway

Seconded by Cory Koski

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

CARRIED

Mike Otway and Cory Koski left the meeting.

7. Business Arising From the Minutes

7.1. 2019-2020 SEAC Draft Work Plan - Advocacy

Item deferred to next meeting.

7.2. SEAC Video

Item deferred to next meeting.

7.3. Kindergarten Registration January 27, 2020

Liz Tod, Chair of SEAC reminded members that Kindergarten Registration is scheduled for January 27, 2020 and asked if anyone would like to attend. Suzanne Posthumus and Trustee George Saarinen volunteered to attend.

8. Correspondence

There was no correspondence to share.

9. Advocacy

9.1. Advocacy Tracking

The advocacy tracking template was circulated for member completion.

9.2. Summary of Monthly Advocacy Tracking

Liz Tod, Chair of SEAC referred to the advocacy tracking summary included in the meeting package. Monthly monitoring will continue.

10. New Business

10.1. 2018-2019 Director's Annual Report

Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education presented the 2018-2019 Director's Annual Report and highlighted Key Actions including: Trauma-Informed Practices, Mental Health and Well Being Champions, Mental Health Steering Committee, Mental health Classroom Resource. Ms Probizanski also highlighted Next Steps. Members commented on how well the report was prepared.

10.2. SEAC Representative on Success Advisory Committee

Liz Tod, Chair of SEAC advised the Director's office is seeking a SEAC representative to sit on the Success Advisory Committee. Meetings take place 3-4 times per year on the first Thursday of each month from 9:00 am – 10:30 am. Members interested can contact Robin Orr.

10.3. OHRC Right to Read

Lori Carson, Special Education Officer noted data is currently being collected for the inquiry. Representatives from OHRC will be in Thunder Bay February, 2020 to meet with Lakehead District School Board team. Information will be provided as updates are available.

11. Policies Currently Under Review

11.1. Assessment and Evaluation Policy 4021

A.J. Keene will be invited to the January 15, 2020 SEAC meeting to present this policy.

11.2. Food and Beverage Policy 6050

Jeff Upton will be invited to the January 15, 2020 SEAC meeting to present this policy.

12. Information/Inquires & Association Reports

There were no information/inquires or association reports.

13. Board Update

Trustee Sue Doughty-Smith and Trustee George Saarinen shared highlights from the following meetings:

- November 26, 2019 Board Meeting:
 - Youth Transitional Housing Team; and
 - Three Trustee recognition awards.

- December 3, 2019 Annual Meeting:
 - Indigenous Student Trustee;
 - election of Trustee Ellen Chambers as Chair and Trustee Trudy Tuchenhagen as Vice Chair;
 - Annual Committee Reports;
 - Trustee Committee appointments;
 - resignation of Sherri-Lynne Pharand, Superintendent of Education.

14. Adjournment

Moved by Wilma Kleynendorst

Seconded by Trustee George Saarinen

“THAT we do now adjourn at 7:52 p.m.”

CARRIED