

LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Virtual  
Via Microsoft Teams

2021 NOV 17

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Anne Antenucci, Vice-Chair  
Trustee Sue Doughty-Smith  
Lesley Harding  
Wendy Carrol  
Miranda Myers  
Carey Murphy

Suzanne Posthumus, Chair  
Trustee Marg Arnone  
Kelly Matyasovszky  
Wilma Kleynendorst  
Mike Otway

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Michelle Probizanski  
Maggie Fredrickson

Christine Jones  
Stephanie Rea

**ABSENT WITH REGRETS:**

Liz Tod  
Michelle Blackburn

Angela Hill

1. **Call to Order**

Suzanne Posthumus, Chair of SEAC, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. **Welcome and Introductions**

- Suzanne Posthumus, Chair, welcomed Stephanie Rea, Communications Officer.

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Anne Antenucci

Seconded by Wilma Kleynendorst

*“THAT the agenda for the November 17, 2021 SEAC meeting be approved.”*

**CARRIED**

4. **Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

5. Presentations

- Stephanie Rea, Communications Officer, presented the SEAC video to the committee. Carey Murphy, Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario, suggested adding contact information on the end of the video. The video will be modified to reflect the suggested addition and presented once finished. All questions were addressed.

6. Approval of the Minutes

Moved by Wilma Kleynendorst

Seconded by Trustee Arnone

*“THAT the minutes of the October 20, 2021 SEAC meeting be approved.”*

CARRIED

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

Anne Antenucci, Vice Chair, informed the members that the SEAC carousel evening has been rescheduled to January 19, 2022.

8. Correspondence

- 8.1 Wilma Kleynendorst, Dilico Anishinabek Family Care, reminded the committee of the member toolkit that was emailed to all SEAC members on Supporting Kids who Avoid School.
- 8.2 Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education, reminded the SEAC members of the correspondence emailed from M.Jacques.
- 8.3 Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education, reminded the committee members of the correspondence emailed on Bill 172, from Trillium Lakelands.
- 8.4 Miranda Myers, Fetal Alcohol Support Information Network, reminded the committee of the November Northern Ontario Talks with Nancy Lockwood.
- 8.5 Wilma Kleynendorst, Dilico Anishinabek Family Care, reminded the committee of the correspondence emailed regarding the 2022 Children’s Mental Health Northern Ontario Network. Also, informing the members that CMHON seminars are all currently free.
- 8.6 Suzanne Posthumus, Chair of SEAC, reminded the committee members of the correspondence that was emailed regarding the Ontario Health and Provincial Council for Maternal and Child Health, Looking for Feedback on a Draft Quality Standard for Transitions from Youth to Adult Health Care Services.

9. New Business

9.1 Lakehead District School Board COVID-19 Update

Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education, provide the committee with a the COVID-19 update. All member's questions were addressed.

10. Information/Inquires & Association Reports

10.1 Anne Antenucci, Vice Chair, advised the committee that the Autism pilot program that Thunder Bay Skating Academy, Can Skate and Skate Canada, is now fully funded. Official launch will be in January 2022 for all children under the age of 16 with a learning disability.

10.2 Wilma Kleynendorst, Dilico Anishinabek Family Care, informed the committee members, it is her understanding that Ontario is in a shortage of Student Support Professionals across the province, and that we are currently in a Human Resource crisis. Anne Antenucci, Vice Chair, confirmed that the Autism Ontario Advocacy Committee is sending a letter to the Ministry of Education asking for additional support.

10.3 Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education, asked if SEAC would like to continue offering SEAC presentations to the Lakehead Public Schools, as offered in previous years. The topic to be added to next agenda.

11. SEAC Budget Update

Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education, stated that there was no change to the 2021-2022 budget.

12. Board Update

Trustee Arnone provided the following Board update;

12.1 At the October 26, 2021 Regular Board meeting, the following reports were presented:

- Student Trustee Report;
- Adult and Continuing Education Report;
- Multi-year Capital Plan Report; and
- Appointments to the Parent Involvement Committee.

12.2 At the November 9, 2021 Standing Committee meeting, the following reports were presented:

- Introduction of 2021-2022 Indigenous Student Trustee;
- Legal Representative for 2020-2021;
- 3071 Advertising Policy and Procedures; and
- 3040 Transportation Policy and Procedures.

13. Adjournment

Moved by Anne Antenucci

Seconded by Wilma Kleynendorst

*"THAT we do now adjourn at 7:22p.m."*

CARRIED