

LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Virtual
Via Microsoft Teams

2022 MAR 9

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Suzanne Posthumus, Chair
Trustee Marg Arnone
Angela Hill
Mike Otway
Liz Tod
Lesley Harding

Trustee Trudy Tuchenhagen
Carey Murphy
Michelle Blackburn
Wendy Carrol
Miranda Myers

OTHERS PRESENT:

Michelle Probizanski
Christine Jones
Mark Moorhouse
Anne Marie McMahon-Dupuis

Maggie Fredrickson
Lisa Sgambelluri
Angela Lee-Wiwcharyk

ABSENT WITH REGRETS:

Anne Antenucci, Vice-Chair
Kelly Matyasovszky

Trustee Ryan Sitch

1. **Call to Order**

Suzanne Posthumus, Chair of SEAC, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. **Welcome and Introductions**

Suzanne Posthumus, Chair, welcomed the following guests:

- Lisa Sgambelluri, Special Needs Teacher;
- Mark Moorhouse, Principal;
- Angela Lee-Wiwcharyk, Manager of Financial Services;
- Anne Marie McMahon-Dupuis, System Principal; and
- Trustee Tuchenhagen, Lakehead District School Board.

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Arnone

Seconded by Michelle Blackburn

“THAT the agenda for the March 9, 2022, SEAC meeting be approved.”

CARRIED

4. **Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

5. Presentations

- 5.1 Lisa Sgambelluri, Special Needs teacher, provided a presentation on the Special Needs class. All questions were addressed.
- 5.2 Angela Lee-Wiwcharyk, Manager of Financial Services, provided a presentation on the 2022-2023 Budget. All questions were addressed.
- 5.3 Maggie Fredrickson, System Principal, Special Education, provided a presentation on the Right to Read Inquiry Summary. The slide deck was offered to be shared upon sending a request to Christine Jones, Executive Secretary. All questions were addressed.
- 5.4 Anne-Marie McMahon-Dupuis, System Principal, presented the 8071 Bullying Prevention & Intervention Policy for input. The policy is being reviewed due to Policy/Program Memorandum No. 144. This policy is posted on the Board website for constituent input before April 20, 2022.

6. Approval of the Minutes

Moved by Mike Otway

Seconded by Wendy Carrol

“THAT the minutes of the February 16, 2022, SEAC meeting be approved.”

CARRIED

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

Suzanne Posthumus, Chair of SEAC, advised that Anne Antenucci, Vice-Chair, sent her regrets for this meeting and will provide a carousel evening update at the next SEAC meeting.

8. Correspondence

Suzanne Posthumus, Chair of SEAC, reviewed the following correspondence sent to all SEAC members:

- Change of definition of “Disability” and support of Bill 172, DDSB;
- Support of Bill 172, TBCDSB;
- Impact of changes to COVID-19 Provincial Protocols, DPCDSB;
- Nurse shortages, Renfrew District School Board: and
- Remote Learning Guide for Students with Special Education Needs.

Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education, highlighted that LDSB was a contributor to the Remote Learning Guide for Students with Special Education Needs.

9. New Business

9.1 Maggie Fredrickson, System Principal, Special Education, provided a few examples of the amazing work that the multi-disciplinary team continues to provide Lakehead District School Board's students and staff. All members' questions were addressed.

9.2 Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education, provided the following updates:

- the Board received a recent update from the Ministry of Education and as of March 21, 2022, masks will no longer be required for all staff and students;
- a memo will be issued and sent to all LDSB staff and students with the update of all Ministry of Education changes to COVID-19; and
- Rapid Antigen Tests will continue to be provided to students and staff when required.

All members' questions were addressed.

10. Information/Inquires & Association Reports

10.1 Suzanne Posthumus, Chair of SEAC, asked that if any SEAC members have provided advocacy, to please email Christine Jones, Executive Secretary.

10.2 Suzanne Posthumus, Chair of SEAC, advised that SEAC received LDSB Letter of Deputation. All members are asked to provide their input to Christine Jones, Executive Secretary by March 18, 2022, for it to be presented at the April 5, 2022 Budget Committee meeting. All community organizations are also welcome to submit a deputation through the LDSB website.

11. SEAC Budget Update

Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education, reported that there was a slight change to the 2021-2022 SEAC budget with the retirement gift given to Wilma Kleynendorst, Dilico Anishinabek Family Care.

12. Board Update

No Board update was provided as Trustees had to leave the meeting early.

13. Adjournment

Moved by Michelle Blackburn

Seconded by Angela Hill

"THAT we do now adjourn at 7:46 p.m."

CARRIED