

LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Westgate CVI Hybrid
Via Microsoft Teams

2022 MAY 18

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Anne Antenucci, Vice-Chair
Trustee Marg Arnone
Angela Hill
Kelly Matyasovszky
Sarah Niles

Trustee Trudy Tuchenhagen
Liz Tod
Michelle Blackburn
Wendy Carrol

OTHERS PRESENT:

Michelle Probizanski
Christine Jones

Maggie Fredrickson
Anne Marie McMahon-Dupuis

ABSENT WITH REGRETS:

Carey Murphy
Miranda Myers
Lesley Harding

Suzanne Posthumus, Chair
Mike Otway

1. **Call to Order**

Anne Antenucci, Vice-Chair of SEAC, called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. **Welcome and Introductions**

Anne Antenucci, Vice-Chair of SEAC, welcomed the following new SEAC member and guests:

- Sarah Niles, Early Years Program Manager, Dilico Anishinabek Family Care
- Lindsay Joseph, Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities
- Anne Marie McMahon-Dupuis, System Principal

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Tuchenhagen

Seconded by Trustee Arnone

“THAT the agenda for the May 18, 2022, SEAC meeting be approved.”

CARRIED

4. **Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

5. Presentations

- 5.1 Lindsay Joseph, Manager, Inclusive Play Programs, Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities, provided a presentation on the Jumpstart Playground coming to Thunder Bay. All questions were addressed.
- 5.2 Anne Marie McMahon-Dupuis, System Principal, provided a presentation on the Special Education Review. All questions were addressed.

6. Approval of the Minutes

Moved by Trustee Arnone

Seconded by Trustee Tuchenhagen

“THAT the minutes of the April 20, 2022, SEAC meeting be approved.”

CARRIED

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

Anne Antenucci, Vice-Chair of SEAC, confirmed the carousel evening is scheduled to take place on June 1, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Christine Jones, Executive Secretary, will ensure to have the event boosted on social media. This event will be recorded for future reference and posted to boards website. Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education, will discuss with the Mental Health Lead on “staying away from drugs” presentations in schools. Trustee Arnone, will also inquire with the Mental Health lead on presentations that involve “staying away from drugs” if they are being held at our schools at the next board meeting. All questions were addressed.

8. Correspondence

Anne Antenucci, Vice-Chair of SEAC, reviewed the following correspondence sent to all SEAC members:

- Policy/Program Memorandum No. 81, Upper Grand DSB;
- Supporting on-line learning, Near North DSB;
- Code of Conduct Policy & Procedure, LDSB;
- Governance Policy & Procedure, LDSB; and
- Impact on Students with Special Needs, Thames Valley DSB.

9. New Business

- 9.1 Maggie Fredrickson, System Principal, Special Education, provided an update on the multi-disciplinary team. All members’ questions were addressed.
- 9.2 Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education, provided the following updates:
- shared that she attended a conference call with the Ministry of Education. A few items discussed was the type of needs coming into our schools and the support that is needed;

- currently in the process of completing the 2022-2023 budget and happy to share that looks like we will be maintaining our Special Education staff;
- confirmed that the finances received for social workers from the Ministry of Education, must be school board employees and not contracted and interviews will be completed in the next coming weeks;
- part of the special education review in 2022-2023 will include students Individual Education Plan (IEP); and
- provided an update that the Blind Square that was currently installed at Westgate CVI, will be investigated with the company to ensure that it is working for the students properly.

All members' questions were addressed.

9.3 Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education, presented the SEAC Scholarship Awards of 2021-2022 to the following students:

- Lukas Hortis, Hammarskjold High School;
- Kieryn Tuuttila, Westgate CVI; and
- Mya Paterson, Superior CVI.

10. Information/Inquires & Association Reports

10.1 Anne Antenucci, Vice-Chair of SEAC, announced that she was elected to the position of Chair for the City of Thunder Bay Accessibility Advisory Committee.

10.2 Anne Antenucci, Vice-Chair of SEAC, suggested the following future presentation:

- Junior Inclusion; and
- Canadian Tire Jumpstart on the fully accessible playground that is scheduled to installed at Boulevard park, Thunder Bay, in the near future.

11. SEAC Budget Update

Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education, reported that there was currently no change to the 2021-2022 SEAC budget but after the scholarship awards, boosted carousel event and a few items purchased for May 18, 2022, meeting there will be an adjustment at next meeting.

12. Board Update

Trustee Arnone provided the following Board update:

At the April 26, 2022, Regular Board meeting, the following reports were presented:

- Policy Development – 8066 Safe Arrival;
- Policy Review – 3001 Governance;
- Policy Review – 3060 Leasing of Space;
- Policy Review – 7020 Equitable Employment

- By-Law No. 121 – 2022 Municipal Election – Alternative Voting Methods for Elections.

At the May 10, 2022, Standing Committee meeting, the following reports were presented:

- English Language Learners;
- Standing Committee and Regular Board Meeting Schedule 2022-2023;
- Policy Review Schedule 2022-2023;
- Appointment of an external member to the Audit Committee;
- Policy Review – 8091 Use of Volunteers in Schools;
- Policy Review – 8071 Bullying Prevention and Intervention;
- Policy Review – 3093 Electronic Information Security; and
- Policy Review – 3096 Information/Communications Technology Use.

13. Adjournment

Moved by Liz Todd

Seconded by Trustee Tuchenhagen

“THAT we do now adjourn at 7:30 p.m.”

CARRIED

Concluding the adjournment, a tour was completed at Westgate CVI, of their Special Need Student classrooms. This tour was provided by Coral Klein, Principal and Tara Shewchuk, Special Needs Teacher.