

LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Jim McCuaig Education Centre

2023 OCT 18
6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Suzanne Posthumus, Chair	Trustee Patricia Johansen (virtual)
Carey Murphy (virtual)	Sarah Niles
Trustee Leah Vanderwey	Tara Ingram
Miranda Myers	Trustee Trudy Tuchenhagen
Michelle Blackburn	Wendy Carroll (virtual)

OTHERS PRESENT:

Christine Jones	Michelle Probizanski
Maggie Fredrickson	AJ Keene
Megan Semeniuk	Theresa McMillan
Jennifer Johnston	Sara Sibeya
Erin Murphy	Amy Rubino-Start
Brittany Eisenbach	Kyla Francis

ABSENT WITH REGRETS:

Andrea Stach	Liz Tod
Alina Cameron, Vice Chair	Mike Otway
Brandon Robb	Rosemarie MacLean
Lesley Harding	Amy Massalin

1. **Call to Order**

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

2. **Welcome and Introductions**

Suzanne Posthumus, Chair, welcomed the following guests:

- AJ Keene, Superintendent of Education; and
- Megan Semeniuk, Mental Health Lead.

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Tuchenhagen

Seconded by Tara Ingram

“THAT the agenda for the October 18, 2023, SEAC meeting be approved.”

CARRIED

4. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

5. Presentations

5.1 Megan Semeniuk, Mental Health Lead, introduced the following Mental Health team members:

- Carmen Kijanen, School Social Worker;
- Sara Simbeya, School Social Worker;
- Erin Murphy, School Social Worker;
- Amy Rubino-Start, School Social Worker;
- Brittany Eisenbach, School Social Worker;
- Kyla Francis, School Social Worker;
- Jennifer Johnston, Attendance Counsellor Secondary Schools; and
- Theresa McMillan, Attendance Counsellor Elementary Schools.

Suzanne Posthumus, Chair, thanked all members for attending and their work with LDSB students.

5.2 Maggie Fredrickson, System Principal, Special Education, presented Lakehead District School Board's (LDSB) Special Education Class Placement Committee Procedure. All members' questions were addressed.

5.3 AJ Keene, Superintendent of Education, presented LDSB Math Achievement Action Plan. All members' questions were addressed.

6. Approval of the Minutes

Moved by Michelle Blackburn

Seconded by Miranda Myers

"THAT the minutes of the September 13, 2023, SEAC meeting be approved."

CARRIED

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

7.1 Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education, reviewed the 2023-2024 SEAC Workplan for member's input. Christine Jones, Executive Assistant, will update members suggestions.

8. Correspondence

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

- Birth Mothers Support Group, FASD;
- October Advocacy, Ontario Autism;
- Abiinojiishiik aminoyawook October 2023, Dilico;
- CP Net Day, reschedule to November 24, 2023, GJCC.

9. New Business

9.1 Maggie Fredrickson, System Principal, Special Education, provided the following Special Education update:

- the Ministry provides funding for Additional Qualifications for Autism and Additional Special Education Qualifications are currently funded through NOEL; and
- Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education, thanked Maggie Fredrickson for her on-going support in obtaining additional Student Support Professionals.

All members' questions were addressed.

9.2 Tara Ingram, Easter Seals, shared that the next Parent Involvement Committee is on November 20, 2023.

10. Information/Inquiries & Association Reports

10.1 Suzanne Posthumus, Chair, reminder members that we are still looking for a SEAC member to represent on the Equity and Inclusive Committee to contact Christine Jones, Executive Assistant.

10.2 Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education, shared that we have not received any requests to date for the presentations of 2023-2024 policies for review. Michelle reviewed once more the policies that are scheduled for review and the following policy presentations were requested:

- 3072 Advocacy Policy;
- 7040 Violence in the Workplace Policy; and
- 9030 Playground Structures Policy.

Christine Jones, Executive Assistant, will update the workplan. Other policies have already past the deadline for input.

10.3 Suzanne Posthumus, Chair, asked members for input on the MACSE - Collaboration Template Nov 2023. All members' input was documented.

10.4 Suzanne Posthumus, Chair, shared the presentation provided by Dr. Chris Mushquash on managing use of screen time for parents and caregivers was a success.

11. SEAC Budget Update

Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education, reported the SEAC budget is currently at \$11,265.

12. Board Update

Trustee Leah Vanderwey provided the following update:

- Trustee visit to Kingfisher Education Centre and Armstrong Public School;
- various meetings held with the local government, OASBA; and

- presentations from Grade 4 and Grade 5 from four schools.

13. Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Leah Vanderwey

Second by Miranda Myers

“THAT we do now adjourn at 7:45 p.m.”

CARRIED