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**SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, February 14, 2024**

**Jim McCuaig Education Centre**

**6:00 p.m.**

Suzanne Posthumus  
Chair

Alina Cameron  
Vice-Chair

**AGENDA**

**Responsibility**

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| 1.  | Call to Order  | A. Cameron   |
| 2.  | Land Acknowledgement   | A. Cameron   |
| 3.  | Welcome & Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ryan McDonnell, Principal</li></ul>  | A. Cameron   |
| 4.  | Approval of the Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>That the agenda of February 14, 2024, be approved.</i></li></ul>   | A. Cameron   |
| 5.  | Declarations of Conflict of Interest   | A. Cameron   |
| 6.  | Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• LDSB Connections Program</li></ul>   | R. McDonnell                                       |
| 7.  | Approval of the Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>That the minutes of January 17, 2024, be approved.</i></li></ul>  | A. Cameron   |
| 8.  | Business Arising from the Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Equity and Inclusive Education Advisory Committee, new member; and</li><li>• Special Education Advisory Committee Award.</li></ul>   | A. Cameron<br>M. Probizanski                       |
| 9.  | Correspondence <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Abiinojiishiik amino yawook EarlyON Calendar February 2024, Dilico;</li><li>• Letter from K. MacKenzie, Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington CDSB;</li><li>• Teen Cessation, Anishnawbe Mushkiki; and</li><li>• Neurodiversity Week, Dilico.</li></ul> | A. Cameron   |
| 10. | New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>10.1 Special Education Update</li><li>10.2 SEAC 2023-2024 Event Planning</li><li>10.3 SEAC Advocacy</li></ul>   | M. Fredrickson<br>M. Probizanski<br>M. Probizanski |
| 11. | Information/Inquiries & Association Reports  | All  |
| 12. | SEAC Budget Update   | M. Probizanski                                     |
| 13. | Adjournment  |  |



7. Correspondence

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

- Kindergarten Night, LDSB;
- Empower Kids Ontario Scholarship, GJCC;
- Parent Involvement Committee Event with Karl Subban, LDSB;
- Special Incidence Portions Claim Funding, Hastings and Prince Edward DSB;
- 2024 Youth Action Committee Call Out, CMHO; and
- Support Student and Educator Wellbeing, Youth Mental Health Canada.

8. New Business

8.1 Maggie Fredrickson, Special Education Principal, provided the following special education update:

- Kindergarten Night was well attended;
- a new partnership with Confederation College for Student Support Professionals prework placements has been developed;
- the special education team just returned from a visit to Armstrong Public School to provide support for the special education staff; and
- Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education, shared that the Board has posted a bullying report button on their main page.

All members' questions were addressed.

8.2 Suzanne Posthumus, Chair, shared the 2023-2024 SEAC Workplan with the committee for their input.

8.3 Suzanne Posthumus, Chair, asked members for ideas for the SEAC 2023-2024 Event. A suggestion of creating a video explaining the process for new special education students and to share how it can be different for each student. Maggie Fredrickson, Special Education Principal, will bring further information to the committee. Trustee Vanderwey suggested the possibility of creating a simple flow chart for children entering special education. Maggie Fredrickson, Special Education Principal, will create and share with the committee in the Spring 2024.

8.4 Suzanne Posthumus, Chair, asked members for their input on the criteria of the new SEAC award for graduating students with special education needs. Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education, will present the award criteria at the next meeting.

8.5 Suzanne Posthumus, Chair, asked members to share any advocacy. The following was shared:

- Tara Ingram, Easter Seals, shared that support is ongoing from December;
- Liz Tod, Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario, shared that support was recently provided on appropriate accommodations; and
- Alina Cameron, Vice Chair, is currently supporting a family on next steps.

9. Information/Inquiries & Association Reports

Tara Ingram, Easter Seals, reported that communication was shared with the director on the upcoming Red Shirt Day, May 29, 2024.

10. SEAC Budget Update

Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education, reported the SEAC budget is \$13,251, which includes the Parent Involvement Committee contribution.

11. Board Update

Trustee Tuchenhagen provided the following Board Advisory Committee meeting highlights from January 9, 2024:

- Trustee Character Awards;
- The Arts;
- Early Learning;
- Health and Safety Semi-Annual Report;
- 8061 Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee Policy;
- 3020 Legal Representation Policy;
- 7030 Human Rights and Workplace Harassment Policy; and
- 3040 Transportation Policy.

12. Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Leah Vanderwey

Seconded by Tara Ingram

*“THAT we do now adjourn at 7:07 p.m.”*

CARRIED

## **SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE AWARD**

This award will be given to one graduating student per secondary school, selected through the school selection process. The award will be given to a student with an intellectual exceptionality who is receiving either a certificate of completion or a diploma. The criteria for the award include:

- ✓ Contributes positively to the school culture
- ✓ Positive attitude and motivation towards learning
- ✓ Demonstrates determination in the learning environment
- ✓ Engages respectfully with staff and peers