

LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Westgate Collegiate Vocational Institute

2024 NOV 13
6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Suzanne Posthumus, Chair
Scott McBean
Sarah Niles

Trustee Trudy Tuchenhausen
Michelle Blackburn
Miranda Myers

OTHERS PRESENT:

Michelle Probizanski
Christine Jones

Maggie Fredrickson

ABSENT WITH REGRET:

Wendy Carroll
Alina Cameron, Vice Chair
Trustee Leah Vanderwey

Tara Ingram
Liz Tod
Anne Antenucci

1. **Call to Order**

Suzanne Posthumus, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

2. **Welcome and Introductions**

Suzanne Posthumus, Chair, welcomed the following guests:

- Tara Shewchuk, Special Needs Class Teacher;
- David Workman, Special Needs Class Teacher;
- Kyllie Daniar, Special Needs Class Teacher; and
- Laura Bortolin, Special Education Facilitator.

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

Quorum not available, therefore deferred to next meeting:

“THAT the agenda for the November 13, 2024, SEAC meeting be approved.”

4. **Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

5. **Presentations**

- 5.1 Tara Shewchuk, Special Needs Class Teacher, David Workman, Special Needs Class Teacher, Kyllie Daniar, Special Needs Class Teacher and Laura Bortolin, Special Education Facilitator, presented Westgate

Collegiate Vocational Institute
were addressed.

Special Needs Classroom. All questions

- 5.2 Maggie Fredrickson, Special Education Principal, deferred the Right to Read presentation to next meeting.

6. Approval of the Minutes

Quorum not available, therefore deferred to next meeting:

“THAT the minutes of the October 16, 2024, SEAC meeting be approved.”

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

- 7.1 Suzanne Posthumus, Chair, asked if members were attending the SEAC Parent Event on November 20, 2024, at Superior Collegiate Vocational Institute.
- 7.2 Alina Cameron, Vice Chair, sent her regrets and therefore deferred poll information from parents to next month's meeting along with some suggested titles to assist parents/guardians to better describe their role as SEAC advocates.

8. Correspondence

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

- EarlyON November, Dilico Anishinabek Family Care; and
- Upcoming Pathways to Special Education Support, Autism ON.

9. New Business

- 9.1 Maggie Fredrickson, Special Education Principal, provided the following special education update:
- Administrators are being trained in BMST, the non-violent behaviour management program we use;
 - in school meetings are taking place, this will ensure early intervention for students; and
 - Right to Read recommendations for the French Immersion program for students with special needs.
- 9.2 Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education, shared that the Minister's Advisory Council on Special Education communication will be emailed to all members for their information.

10. Information/Inquiries & Association Reports

- 10.1 Suzanne Posthumus, Chair, suggested purchasing a gift for Mike Otway, VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children, for his years of dedication to SEAC.

10.2 Maggie Fredrickson, Special Education Principal, asked that the SEAC scholarship and classroom funding be reviewed at next meeting.

11. SEAC Budget Update

Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education, reported there was no change to the SEAC budget of \$13,348.

12. Board Update

Trustee Tuchenhausen presented the following Board update:

- Indigenous Student Trustee Report;
- Student Trustee Report;
- Adult and Continuing Education Report (105-24);
- Student Achievement Report (104-24);
- Appointments to Parent Involvement Committee (094-24);
- Procedural By-Laws Ad Hoc Committee (103-24); and
- Short-Term Borrowing Resolution (101-23).

13. Adjournment

Moved by Sarah Niles

“THAT we do now adjourn at 7:14 p.m.”