

LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEAC)

Jim McCuaig Education Centre

2025 JUN 12
6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Alina Cameron, Vice Chair
Anne Antenucci
Tara Ingram
Miranda Myers

Trustee Trudy Tuchenhausen
Scott McBean
Michelle Blackburn
Brandon Robb

OTHERS PRESENT:

Maggie Fredrickson

Simona Serrao

ABSENT WITH REGRET:

Suzanne Posthumus, Chair
Sarah Niles
Liz Tod

Michelle Probizanski
Wendy Carroll
Trustee Leah Vanderwey

1. **Call to Order**

Alina Cameron , Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. **Land Acknowledgement**

Alina Cameron , Vice Chair, acknowledged the lands and traditional territory.

3. **Welcome & Introductions**

Alina Cameron , Vice Chair, informed the group of regrets received from presenter, Kayla Waddington, Schools Team Planner, Thunder Bay District Health Unit (TBDHU).

4. **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Tuchenhausen

Seconded by Anne Antenucci

"THAT the agenda for the SEAC Meeting, June 12, 2025, be approved."

CARRIED

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5. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were none.

6. Delegations

There were none.

7. Presentations

7.1 TBDHU - Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Indicator Development and Prioritization:

The presentation will be rescheduled due to the presenter being unable to attend the meeting.

7.2 2025-2026 Special Education Plan:

Maggie Fredrickson, Principal of Special Education presented the plan. All members' questions were addressed. The plan will be shared with the committee members after the meeting.

7.3 2024-2025 SEAC Workplan Review:

Maggie Fredrickson, Principal of Special Education, presented the 2024–2025 SEAC Workplan for the committee's review. Notable progress has been achieved across all identified priority areas. The current workplan will serve as a framework for evaluating key success indicators and will support the presentation of outcomes and highlights to the committee. This review will also inform the development of strategic goals for the 2025–2026 SEAC Workplan which will be presented at the next meeting in September 2025.

8. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Anne Antenucci

Seconded by Scott McBean

"THAT the minutes of May 21, 2025, SEAC meeting be approved."

CARRIED

9. Business Arising from the Minutes

There were none.

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10. Correspondence

There were none.

11. New Business

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

- Upcoming event (open invitation) “The Evolution of Inclusion with Shelley Moore, August 21st, 2025, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. at Westgate Collegiate & Vocational Institute. Maggie Fredrickson, Principal of Special Education will share the event poster with SEAC members, to share with their respective organizations.
- 2025 Summer Learning update regarding Lakehead Public Schools (LPS) summer camps was provided. Occupancy of camps are full. Lakehead Public Schools has partnered with Superior Life Skills Summer Camps for play skills and launch pad programs.
- Maggie Fredrickson, Principal of Special Education shared some of the stories and highlights of students with special needs who have benefited from the special education programs and staff at Lakehead District School Board (LDSB).

All members’ questions with regards to the special education update were addressed.

11.2 2025-2026 SEAC Presentation Schedule Discussion:

SEAC members were given the opportunity to provide feedback and suggestions for the 2025-2026 SEAC presentation schedule.

Maggie Fredrickson, Principal of Special Education, will prepare a draft of the 2025–2026 SEAC Work Plan and Presentation Schedule incorporating the feedback received. This will be shared with SEAC members at a later date for their review and input.

11.3 2025-2026 SEAC Meeting Schedule Discussion

Maggie Fredrickson, Principal of Special Education, presented the option of changing SEAC meetings to daytime hours. She noted that some school boards have adopted daytime meetings due to various operational considerations and challenges with evening attendance.

Following discussion, the committee provided feedback in support of maintaining the current meeting schedule.

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12. Information/Inquiries & Association Report

- Anne Antenucci of Autism Ontario provided their organizational update.
- Alina Cameron, Vice Chair and Community member provided the Ontario Autism Program update.

13. SEAC Budget Update

Maggie Fredrickson, Principal of Special Education, reported the SEAC budget actual as \$ 4,438.

14. Board Update

Trustee Tuchenhausen presented the Board update from the last Regular Board meeting that was held May 27th, 2025.

The following was presented at the meeting:

- Kakabeka Falls Public School presentation on textbooks for reading comprehension;
- Multiyear Accessibility Plan;
- Safe Schools Report;
- Code of Conduct policy;
- 2025-2026 Regular Board meeting schedule;
- Health & Safety Semi-Annual Report; and
- new Ministry guidelines for Board of Trustee attendance at Regular Board meetings.

15. Adjournment

Moved by Anne Antenucci

Seconded by Trustee Tuchenhausen

“THAT we do now adjourn at 7:45 p.m.”