

LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEAC)

Jim McCuaig Education Centre

2025 SEP 17
6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Suzanne Posthumus, Chair
Anne Antenucci
Sarah Niles
Miranda Myers
Trustee Trudy Tuchenhausen
Liz Tod

Alina Cameron, Vice Chair
Scott McBean
Michelle Blackburn
Wendy Carroll
Trustee Leah Vanderwey

OTHERS PRESENT:

Maggie Fredrickson
Simona Serrao

Michelle Probizanski

ABSENT WITH REGRET:

Tara Ingram

1. **Call to Order**

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

2. **Land Acknowledgement**

Suzanne Posthumus, Chair, acknowledged the lands and traditional territory.

3. **Welcome & Introductions**

There were none.

4. **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Tuchenhausen

Seconded by Scott McBean

"THAT the agenda for the SEAC Meeting, September 17, 2025, be approved."

CARRIED

5. **Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

There were none.

6. **Delegations**

There were none.

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7. Presentations

7.1 Lakehead District School Board – Learning Supports Team

Maggie Fredrickson, Principal of Special Education presented the 2025-2026 Learning Supports Team and a brief overview of their role.

7.2 2025-2026 SEAC Meeting Schedule

Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education presented the 2025-2026 SEAC meeting scheduled.

7.3 2025-2026 SEAC Presentation Schedule

Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education presented the 2025-2026 SEAC presentation schedule.

8. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Alina Cameron

Seconded by Sarah Niles

“THAT the minutes of June 12, 2025, SEAC meeting be approved.”

CARRIED

9. Business Arising from the Minutes

There were none.

10. Correspondence

Suzanne Posthumus, Chair reviewed the SEAC correspondence that was distributed during July and August 2025.

11. New Business

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

- no formal update has been received to date on the use of Jordan's Principal funds in Ontario school boards. Director Pharand, shared she met with Jordans Principals' ministry representative and received confirmation that school boards are not permitted to apply on behalf of the student and that families must apply on their own;
- the parent session event speaker, Shelley Moore, held in Thunder Bay, was a success;
- highlights of Special Education 2025-2026 initiatives and programs scheduled for the school year were presented;
- Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education, shared information regarding education and community partnership programs.

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All members' questions were addressed.

11.2 2025-2026 Order of Policies for Review Schedule

Suzanne Posthumus, Chair, asked members to email Simona Serrao, Executive Secretary, the policies they would be interested in being presented.

11.3 Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Letter: SEAC Representative Nomination to PIC (2025–2026).

Suzanne Posthumus, Chair, asked members to email Simona Serrao, Executive Secretary, if they are interested in being part of PIC.

11.4 Student Thank you letters to SEAC for SEAC Scholarship & Leadership Awards 2024-2025.

Suzanne Posthumus, Chair, shared the student thank you letters received with the members.

11.5 Upcoming Events

Suzanne Posthumus, Chair, asked the committee for their input on upcoming events. Last event was last fall.

12. Information/Inquiries & Association Report

Alina Cameron, Community Member provided the Ontario Autism Coalition update.

13. SEAC Budget Update

Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education reported the SEAC budget actual as \$ 6,138.

14. Board Update

Trustee Vanderwey presented the Board update from the Board Advisory Committee meeting that was held September 9, 2025:

- 2025-2026 Board Priorities; and
- new Edge Hockey program.

15. Adjournment

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Moved by

Seconded by

“THAT we do now adjourn at 7:01 p.m.”