



Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes

Date: Monday, December 4, 2023
Location: Muskoka Education Centre | Lindsay Education Centre
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Present: J. Balfour, D. McInerney, K. Irons, B. Reain, A. Rose, H. Harris,
Regrets: R. McCracken, R. McHugh, S. Bullock, D. Callan
Staff: J. Johnston, M. Lefler, W. Browne

1 Call to Order

2 Roll Call

J. Balfour called roll and confirmed that a quorum was present.

3 Approval of Agenda

Moved by D. McInerney, seconded by B. Reain that the agenda be approved.
Carried.

4 Committee Action Items

4.1

Approval of the

minutes of the November 7, 2023 meeting

Moved by D. McInerney, seconded by A. Rose that the minutes dated November 7, 2023 be approved.
Carried.

5 Administrative Updates

5.1 System

Updates

J. Johnston shared the the following updates:

- The Board is currently undertaking a school boundary review in the town of Lindsay to address enrolment pressure.

- Superintendents of Learning Jennifer Johnston and Kim Williams will be attending the International Congress for School Effectiveness and Improvement (ICSEI) in January presenting on the innovative ways TLDSB has been engaging student voice.
- A recent meeting leveraged the knowledge and experience of the Special Education Advisory Team to work through the next steps of the Special Education Review.

5.2

Department

Updates

M. Lefler shared the following updates:

- After School Skills Development Program planning and hiring has begun.
- Occupational therapists from One Kids Place and Five Counties supported learning for educational assistants on the November 17th professional activity day. A survey of SEA equipment is taking place as a follow up to the learning.

6 SEAC Projects

6.1

IEP Survey - draft

questions

The committee discussed questions for the IEP survey. A working group will be struck to finalize the questions.

6.2

“What Is SEAC?”

brochure

J. Johnston shared suggestions for the format of the “What Is SEAC?” brochure.

7 Other Business

7.1

Updates and other

items for discussion

J. Balfour attended PAAC on SEAC events, which included a presentation from the Ministry of Education looking for input on what the changes to SIP and SEA should be. Other areas of discussion included exclusions and the role of SEAC within school boards.

The Nipissing District Developmental Screen (NDDS) tool is no longer being funded by the Ministry of Education, which means fewer children are being screened.

7.2

Association and

community news

- K. Irons noted that Community Living South Muskoka had a float in the Bracebridge Santa Claus parade. Additionally, the agency is seeing some hiring movement.

7.3

Future business

There was no future business.

8 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

9 Next Meeting

Date: To be determined

Location: Muskoka Education Centre / Lindsay Education Centre

10 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.

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