

# **Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes**

Date: Monday, January 15, 2024

Location: Virtual
Time: 5:00 p.m.

Present: J. Balfour, D. McInerney, K. Irons, B. Reain, H. Harris, S. Bullock, D. Callan

**Regrets**: R. McCracken, R. McHugh, A. Rose

**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 K. Irons, seconded by B. Reain that the agenda be approved. Carried.

#### 4 Committee Action Items

#### 4.1 Approval of the minutes of the December 4, 2023 meeting

Moved by D. McInerney, seconded by B. Reain that the minutes dated December 4, 2023 be approved.

Carried.

## 5 Administrative Updates

## 5.1 System Updates

J. Johnston shared the the following updates:

- The Board will be undertaking its second student census to collect demographic data on February 26, 2024. The first census took place in 2022.
- The boundary review for Parkview Public School and neighbouring schools is in progress, with a decision expected to be made at the next Board meeting.

• Grade 8 students are expected to register at their home school catchment for the coming school year, unless there are special program circumstances such as French Immersion.

#### 5.2 Department Updates

M. Lefler shared the following updates:

- Kristi Henshall has moved from the special education consultant role to vice principal of Lady Eaton Elementary School. Her replacement, Carlin Connelly, will begin on January 22, 2024.
- Educational assistants and administrators will be participating in emotional coaching learning in collaboration with the Mental Health Services Department on the February 2, 2024 PA day.

#### **6** SEAC Projects

#### 6.1 IEP Survey - draft questions

A working group met on January 9, 2024 to draft questions for the 2024 IEP Survey. This draft was shared with the committee for review and discussion.

# 6.2 "What Is SEAC?" brochure

A draft "What Is SEAC?" postcard was shared for review.

#### 7 Other Business

#### 7.1 Updates and other items for discussion

H. Harris will be moving on from her current position at One Kids Place. J. Johnston expressed gratitude for her participation in the SEAC.

## 7.2 Association and community news

- S. Bullock will be sharing a presentation with World of Work participants.
- Dr. S. Godfrey is a new pediatrician working with Five Counties.

#### 7.3 Future business

There was no future business.

## 8 Correspondence

#### 8.1 Parent inquiry regarding community partnerships

J. Johnston shared for discussion an inquiry regarding community partnerships in schools and explained the Board's current process for agencies providing services in schools.

## 9 Next Meeting

Date: February 6, 2024

|  | Location:   | Muskoka Education Centre / Lindsay Education Centre |
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| 10   | Adjournment |   |
| Moved by H. Harris, the meeting was adjourned.   |             |   |
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