



## **Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes**

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Date: February 6, 2024

Location: Virtual

Time: 5:00 p.m.

### **1. Call to order**

### **2. Roll call**

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

### **3. Approval of agenda**

Moved by A. Rose, seconded by D. McInerney that the agenda be approved.

Carried.

### **4. Committee action items**

4.1 Approval of the minutes of the January 15, 2024, meeting

Moved by K. Irons, seconded by S. Bullock that the minutes dated January 15, 2024 be approved.

Carried.

### **5. Administrative updates**

5.1 System updates

J. Johnston shared the following updates:

- The Parkview Public School boundary review recommendations regarding grade changes and catchment modifications were approved at the January Board meeting, affecting Parkview Public School, Alexandra Public School, Leslie Frost Public School, Central Senior School, Queen Victoria Public School, King Albert Public School, Fenelon

Township Public School, and Mariposa Elementary School. This is one of a few boundary reviews that will be coming into effect in September 2024.

- The 2024 Student Census has been announced with a launch date of February 26, 2024.
- Budget discussions are beginning, but Ministry funding has not yet been confirmed at this time.
- The Minister's Advisory Council for Special Education (MACSE) is requesting feedback from board SEACs.

## 5.2 Department updates

M. Lefler shared the following updates:

- Educational assistants and administrators participated in learning on the February 2, 2024 professional activity day. Supported by the Mental Health Services team, the learning focused on emotional coaching and mental health versus mental illness, and empathic strain.
- Further PowerSchool Special Programs training took place at the end of January with a focus on report writing.
- The Special Education Services Department is supporting a workshop for the Board's "mental health champions" who support each school.

## 6. SEAC projects

### 6.1 IEP Survey - next steps

A draft of the student IEP survey was shared for review and feedback.

### 6.2 "What is SEAC?" brochure - next steps

The brochure is being printed for distribution.

## 7. Other business

### 7.1 Updates and other items for discussion

Expulsions are a topic that is becoming a more common discussion at PAAC on SEAC and other organizations.

### 7.2 Association and community news

S. Bullock reported that Community Living Huntsville has plans in place to support Inclusive Education Month for February.

### 7.3 Future business.

The committee requested that Superintendent of Business Services Tim Ellis share a presentation on the budget planning for the 2024-2025 school year.

## **8. Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

## **9. Next meeting**

Date: March 5, 2024

Location: Muskoka Education Centre | Lindsay Education Centre

Time: 5:00 p.m.

## **10. Adjournment**

Moved by R. McHugh, the meeting was adjourned.