



## Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes

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Date: March 5, 2024  
Location: Lindsay Education Centre | Muskoka Education Centre | 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 R. McHugh, seconded by D. McInerney that the agenda be approved.

Carried.

### 4. Committee action items

#### 4.1 Approval of the minutes of the February 6, 2024, meeting

Moved by B. Reain, seconded by S. Bullock that the minutes dated February 6, 2024 be approved.

Carried.

### 5. Administrative updates

#### 5.1 Message from the Director

Director of Education Hahn shared greetings and discussed some of the upcoming events and areas of system focus on student achievement and well-being. Director Forums will continue this year to gather voice from students and staff, as well as community partners. The forums will focus on mental health planning and improving student attendance.

#### 5.2 Budget overview

Superintendent of Business Services Tim Ellis provided an overview of the Board's budget preparation process. The Ministry's Grants for Student Needs (GSN) distributions are expected

to be released following the March break, with TLDSB's 2024-2025 budget to be presented for approval at the June Board meeting.

### 5.3 System updates

J. Johnston shared the following updates:

- The 2024 TLDSB Student Census launched on February 26, 2024.
- The Curriculum Services Department launched a mid-year assessment focusing on Grade 3 and 6 math and literacy.
- Led by Associate Superintendent Tanya Fraser and District Manager Allison Jones, the Board's new "Mental Health Champions," each representing a school, are learning about processes and models to follow in supporting students with their mental health needs.

### 5.4 Department updates

M. Lefler shared the following updates:

- The recent Special Education Leadership Network session for administrators and special education resource teachers/department heads provided an opportunity to explore the rationale for initiating an IEP and accommodating versus modifying programming.

## 6. SEAC projects

### 6.1 IEP Survey update

The Special Education Advisory Team reviewed the IEP survey for students at a recent meeting. Both the student and parent/guardian survey have been finalized and are ready for a launch date after March break.

### 6.2 SEAC brochure update

The final printed SEAC postcards were distributed to members present.

## 7. Other business

### 7.1 Updates and other items for discussion

There were no updates and other items for discussion.

### 7.2 Association and community news

- PAAC on SEAC will be communicating with all community agencies regarding the need for SEACs to meet at a time that is convenient for all members.
- Community Living Huntsville staff visited nine schools to recognize staff who supported inclusion during February's Inclusive Education Month.
- Five Counties is looking for expanded treatment spaces in the Lindsay area.
- FASD One has been strategizing with the federal government to move ideas forward.

### 7.3 Future business.

- Mental Health Services presentation
- Review of IEP videos

## 8. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

## 9. Next meeting

Date: April 2, 2024  
Location: Muskoka Education Centre | Lindsay Education Centre  
Time: 5:00 p.m.

## 10. Adjournment

Moved by D. Callan, the meeting was adjourned.