



## **Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes**

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Date: June 3, 2025  
Location: Haliburton Education Centre  
Time: 5:00 p.m.

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

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

### **2. Student voice video**

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

Moved by R. McHugh, seconded by B. Reain that the agenda be approved.  
Carried.

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

#### **4.1 Approval of the minutes of the May 6, 2025, meeting**

Moved by S. Bullock, seconded by R. McHugh that the minutes dated May 6, 2025 be approved.  
Carried.

### **5. Administrative updates**

#### **5.1 Mental Health Presentation – Superintendent T. Fraser & District Manager A. Jones**

T. Fraser and A. Jones outlined the mental health services and initiatives planned for students and staff within TLDSB, including various intervention programs, training, and strategies for promoting mental health awareness. The Mental Health team emphasizes a comprehensive approach to supporting mental health, from direct counselling to system-wide capacity building and community partnerships.

#### **5.2 System updates**

N. Train shared the following updates:

- Clarification regarding a recent miscommunication about changes to the Practical Academics & Life Skills program at the Lindsay Collegiate & Vocational Institute. The school issued an apology and confirmed that they have sufficient sections and educational assistants.
- To better support students with autism and build capacity among classroom teachers, two new autism facilitator positions will be created. This initiative aims to address the rising number of students diagnosed with autism.
- To address summer learning gaps, summer learning funding will support the curriculum department's summer program. Funds will also be used to provide two days for system classes to host in-school family meetings. Financial support will also be extended to Wahta's participation in the program, covering their expenses which they previously self-funded. Remaining funds will be allocated to resources for the new system classes.

### 5.3 Department updates

M. Lefler shared the following updates:

Recent staff hires include classroom teachers for system classes, a new secondary special education consultant, and the permanent hiring of a temporary Psycho-educational consultant.

### 5.4 Special Education Plan update

N. Train reported that the Special Education Plan is mandated by the and must be completed by the end of July. This review will involve updates to system roles and classifications.

## 6. SEAC projects

### 6.1 Project priorities and work plan

M. Lefler reported that IEP scripts have been shared with the Communications Services Department who will produce the videos. Should summer assistance be needed, the committee can be contacted.

## 7. Other business

### 7.3 Association and community news

The committee shared updates on the Peer Job Coach program at Community Living Huntsville, the Family Gala happening at BGC Kawartha's, as well as the recent CanFASD presentation on Transition Planning for Students with FASD which is available on YouTube.

## 8. Correspondence

### 8.1 Response letter from Ontario College of Teachers (OCT)

The committee discussed the Ontario College of Teachers' response letter.

## 9. Next meeting

Date: September 2, 2025  
 Location: Lindsay Education Centre | Muskoka Education Centre  
 Time: 5:00 p.m.

## **9. Adjournment**

Moved by B. Reain, the meeting was adjourned.