



## Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes

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**Date:** Tuesday, February 3, 2026

**Location:** Lindsay Education Centre | Muskoka Education Centre

**Time:** 5:00 p.m.

### 1. Call to Order

### 2. Student Voice Video

### 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 January 6 meeting

Moved by D. McInerney, seconded by K. Irons that the minutes dated January 6, 2026 be approved.  
Carried.

### 5. Administrative Updates

#### 5.1. Student Census Update – Superintendent T. Hubbert

T. Hubbert outlined the "Every Student" Census, mandated by the Ministry for March 3, 2026, to identify systemic barriers and monitor equity outcomes. Parents complete it for K–Grade 6; Grades 7–12 students complete it in class. The census is confidential and voluntary, but not anonymous, as responses are linked to student IDs for academic data correlation.

#### 5.2. System Updates - Superintendent N. Train

N. Train shared the following updates:

- For the first time, secondary Foundations for Independence (formerly PA&LS) students attended school for two out of the five scheduled exam days to increase inclusion, with plans to expand this participation in future years.

- School-level support was strengthened with the addition of early intervention support teachers to seven elementary schools and increased Special Education Resource Teacher (SERT) time in 11 schools.
- A temporary special education consultant will be hired to gather data and develop formal protocols for student transitions, ranging from entry into kindergarten to leaving secondary school for adulthood.
- Currently, Ministry funding is allocated to co-op placements at Huntsville High School and Fenelon Falls Secondary School to support students with disabilities in developing employment skills.
- The upcoming February PD day will feature sessions led by psychology staff on executive functioning and social skill profiles, alongside training from inclusion facilitators on prompting strategies to increase student independence.
- Ministry approval was granted for an Outdoor Education Centre in Minden. The rough design is complete, and early planning is underway, including partnering with the board's Indigenous community. A key goal is daily use, with the centre expected to be about an hour's drive from nearly all TLDSB schools.

### 5.3. Department Updates - District Principal M. Lefler

M. Lefler shared the following updates:

- All new hire Educational Assistants successfully completed Behaviour Management System (BMS) training during the January PD day, ensuring they have foundational skills in proactive student support.
- Optional BMS training is being offered to classroom teachers and Early Childhood Educators (ECEs) to promote board-wide consistency in proactive student regulation.
- To support non-speaking students, TLDSB is installing large outdoor communication boards on select school playgrounds to facilitate social interaction and visual communication outdoors.

## 6. SEAC Projects

### 6.1. Project priorities and work plan

The committee plans to create a plan to review internal policies and provide feedback.

## 7. Other Business

### 7.1. Association and community news

Community Living South Muskoka and Community Living Huntsville shared that they attended the Early Development Instrument (EDI) collaborative meeting with the District of Muskoka which provided an opportunity to compare local student outcomes in Muskoka against provincial averages. Community Living Huntsville noted the "Muskoka's Got Talent" event is coming to the Algonquin Theatre this month where proceeds from the event support their affordable housing initiatives for individuals with developmental disabilities. FASD ONE has been conducting training with Early Childhood Educators (ECEs) and providing individual consultations for students with FASD in neighboring boards to analyze supports through a specialized lens. FASD ONE also recently completed a pre-budget submission to the government to advocate for increased funding.

**8. Next Meeting**

Date: Monday, March 2, 2026

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**9. Adjournment**