



Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes

Date: Tuesday, May 5, 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. McNerney, seconded by B. Reain that the agenda be approved.
Carried.

4. Committee Action Items

4.1. Approval of the minutes of the April 7 meeting

Moved by D. McNerney, seconded by S. Bullock that the minutes dated April 7, 2026, be approved.
Carried.

5. Administrative Updates

5.1. Transportation Presentation – Transportation Manager P. Hayward and Transportation Officer N. Benson provided an overview of specialized transportation services.

- The board transports over 12,300 students daily, including nearly 1,900 students from partner boards.
- Over 170 TLDSB students currently utilize specialized transportation services, including integrated routes, congregated system class routes, and wheelchair-accessible vehicles.
- Individual Student Transportation Plans (ISTPs) are utilized to provide drivers with critical information regarding student needs, emergency evacuation procedures, and behavior management strategies.

5.2. System Updates - Superintendent N. Train

N. Train shared the following updates:

- Attendance data for April was reviewed for both elementary and secondary panels for students utilizing special education services, showing higher attendance rates in elementary compared to secondary.
- EQAO assessments are scheduled for May 25 to 29.
- The recent Art Showcase was highly successful, featuring recycled art themes and notable student works, such as a life-sized Ukrainian dress made from paper by a student using her feet.

5.3. Department Updates – Superintendent N. Train

M. Lefler shared the following updates:

- The Special Education Services Department hosted Professional Development sessions in April, including a "struggling readers" session for teachers and Special Education Resource Teachers (SERTs) to address instructional gaps.
- Secondary leadership teams (Admin, Student Success, Guidance, and SERTs) collaborated to reimagine collective support structures for students.
- Special Education Services Consultants participated in a regional training event through Sonderly, covering topics such as independence, communication in autism, and complex behavior. The CanFASD online course expression of interest received a high number of staff interested in participating in the online learning.

6. SEAC Projects

6.1. Special Education Plan Review – Sections 10-13

The committee reviewed the next four sections of the Special Education Plan, proposing additions and clarifications for future updates.

6.2. TLDSB Parent/Guardian Guide to Special Education Review

The committee reached a consensus to bring further input for the Parent/Guardian Guide review to the June meeting.

7. Other Business

7.1. KPRDSB SEAC Letter to the Minister of Education

The committee discussed a letter from the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board; the letter was accepted for information.

7.2. Association and community news

- Community Living Trent Highlands shared updates regarding potential labor disruptions starting the week of May 18, involving various Developmental Services agencies.
- FASD ONE is working with ETFO on an FASD resource book and is hosting a lunch and learn on May 14 designed for caregivers and parents of individuals with FASD.
- Community Living Huntsville is in the process of hiring youth employment workers for their three-year Trillium grant project. They also met with the new transition navigator to support students moving from daycare to kindergarten.

- Community Living South Muskoka announced that summer camp registrations are open. They also highlighted the ongoing "Block Party" events in Muskoka, which build positive relationships between youth and community partners.

8. Next Meeting

Date: Tuesday, June 2, 2026

Location: Haliburton Education Centre

9. Adjournment