

## SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEAC)

Monday, November 25, 2019 - 9:30 a.m.

Teeswater River Room

Bluewater District School Board

**SEAC Members:** Lorie Hill, FASworld Canada; Jackie Ralph, Canadian Mental Health Association, Grey Bruce Branch Mental Health and Addiction Services; Alicia Rosenberg, Bruce Grey Child & Family Services; Michelle Scobie, Keystone Child, Youth & Family Services; Michelle Shevalier, Member-at-Large (Vice-Chair); Marlene Webb, Community Living Walkerton and District

**Trustee Members:** Tracy Lynn Atkinson (Chair)

**Student Senators:** Alexandra Oestreicher, Walkerton District Community School

**Resource Staff:** Cynthia Lemon, Superintendent of Education; Blair Hilts, Learning Services Administrator; Joyce Nicoll, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

**Absent:** Marilyn McComb Julianna Rutledge, Kincardine District Senior School

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION / DECISION / ACTION	FOLLOW UP
1. Welcome & Acknowledgement	With the late arrival of Trustee Tracy Lynn Atkinson the order of the agenda was revised. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vice-Chair Michelle Shevalier welcomed everyone.</li> </ul>	
2. Student Voice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alexandra Oestreicher, Student Senator shared her planned initiative of providing information packages to raise awareness about students with special needs.</li> </ul>	
3. Voices from the Field	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blair Hilts, Learning Services Administrator provided information about the Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL) program.</li> <li>He explained what the program is designed to achieve and provided an overview of the work of the SAL committee.</li> </ul> <p>Chair Tracy Lynn Atkinson arrived at 9:40 a.m. and assumed the role of the chair.</p>	
4. Approval of Agenda	<p><b>Moved by: Michelle Scobie</b>  <b>That the agenda for November 25, 2019 of the Special Education Advisory Committee be approved.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Carried</b></p>	
5. Approval of Minutes	<p><b>Moved by: Michelle Shevalier</b>  <b>That the Minutes for October 28, 2019 of the Special Education Advisory Committee be approved.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Carried</b></p>	
6. Business Arising from the Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No business arising.</li> </ul>	
7. Budget Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Andrew Low, Accounting Supervisor provided an overview of the Special Education budget.</li> </ul>	- J. Nicoll share power point
8. Superintendent Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cynthia Lemon, Superintendent of Education highlighted the work done by Learning Services – Student Support staff in her Superintendent Update.</li> </ul>	- J. Nicoll - share power point
9. Trustees Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tracy Lynn Atkinson, Trustee gave an overview of the recent Board Meeting.</li> </ul>	
10. Member(s) Update and Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jackie Ralph, Canadian Mental Health Association, Grey Bruce Branch Mental Health and Addiction Services provided information about Kids Help Phone.</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• She also gave an update about schools she recently visited.</li> <li>• Lorie Hill, FASworld Canada shared about a recent meeting with the Community Academic Services Team.</li> <li>• She shared that a meeting will take place with Members of Provincial Parliament at Queen's Park on February 24, 2020.</li> <li>• Michelle Scobie, Keystone Child, Youth &amp; Family Services shared that her organization has renewed its commitment to family engagement.</li> <li>• Alicia Rosenburg, Bruce Grey Child &amp; Family Services recently attended the Georgian College open house with some of their youth.</li> <li>• Marlene Webb, Community Living Walkerton and District shared her interest around the use of proper language and wondered about an opportunity in sharing that through NTIP training. Cynthia will speak to Martha Barrett, NTIP Coordinator.</li> </ul>	- CL – follow up with Martha Barrett
11. SEAC Communications 11.1 Question of the Week  11.2 Draft letter to Ministry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The group drafted the following Question of the Week for submission: "Are you aware of the services provided by 211 Ontario?"</li> <li>• A copy of the media release recently issued by the Ministry around eLearning was provided for review.</li> <li>• The group discussed data around the success and completion rates of eLearning courses.</li> <li>• As a result of the new information provided in the media release, the draft letter will be revised and reviewed at the December SEAC meeting.</li> </ul>	- JN – submit question  - CL – revise draft letter
12. Notice of Motion	• No Notices of Motion.	
13. Agenda Building 2019-2020	• May need to change the location of Saugeen District Senior School from May to April.	
14. Communications Received	• A letter received from the Provincial Parent Associations Advisory Committee on SEAC was reviewed.	
15. Other Business	• No other business.	
16. Adjournment	<b>Moved by: Jackie Ralph</b> <b>That the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting adjourn at 11:11 a.m.</b>  <b>Carried</b>	