

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEAC)

Monday, December 16, 2019 - 9:30 a.m.

Teeswater River Room

Bluewater District School Board

SEAC Members: Lorie Hill, FASworld Canada; Michelle Shevalier, Member-at-Large (Vice-Chair); Marlene Webb, Community Living Walkerton and District.

Trustee Members: Tracy Lynn Atkinson (Chair), Marilyn McComb.

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: Michelle Scobie, Keystone Child, Youth & Family Services; Alicia Rosenberg, Bruce Grey Child & Family Services; Jackie Ralph, Canadian Mental Health Association, Grey Bruce Branch Mental Health and Addiction Services; Julianna Rutledge, Student Senator - Kincardine District Senior School.

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION / DECISION / ACTION	FOLLOW UP
1. Welcome & Acknowledgement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Tracy-Lynn Atkinson welcomed everyone. 	
2. Approval of Agenda	<p>Moved by: Lorie Hill That the agenda for December 16, 2019 of the Special Education Advisory Committee be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>	
3. Approval of Minutes	<p>Moved by: Lorie Hill That the Minutes for November 25, 2019 of the Special Education Advisory Committee be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>	
4. Business Arising from the Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No business arising. 	
5. Student Voice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alexandra Oestreicher, Walkerton District Community School recapped her initiative of developing a system of bringing awareness to students with special education needs more effectively. A list of annual special days will be created to help plan for them in advance. 	- C. Lemon – follow-up with J. Pettit
6. Superintendent Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cynthia Lemon, Superintendent of Education shared a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the continuing work of Learning Services – Student Support staff, and explained the staffing changes occurring in the new year. She provided an update on the Work to Rule for elementary and secondary teachers and support staff. 	- J. Nicoll - share power point
7. Voices from the Field	<p>Timed item at 9:45 a.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dave Barrett, Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program Coordinator for Bluewater District School Board and Bruce Grey Catholic District School Board provided information about the events organized to expose students to skilled trades, and to provide them with practical training. An opportunity to try the welding and excavator simulators from the Skills Opportunities Showcase (SOS) Trailer was provided. 	- J. Nicoll - share power point

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8. Trustees Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marilyn McComb, Trustee provided an update of the December 3, 2019 Business Committee Meeting and Board Meetings. 	
9. Member(s) Update and Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marlene Webb, Community Living Walkerton and District shared her concerns about ensuring opportunities such as OYAP are shared with all students. It was suggested the information is shared through various methods, (i.e. electronically, handouts in backups, during transition planning, teacher interviews). Cynthia will follow-up. Lorie Hill, FASworld Canada inquired about possible changes to the meeting scheduled for Saugeen District Senior School. She also provided an update on the meeting planned with the MPPs in February. 	<p>- CL – follow-up</p> <p>- JN – follow-up</p>
10. Ontario Human Rights Commission Right to Read Inquiry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cynthia provided details around the Right to Read Inquiry currently being done by the Ontario Human Rights Commission. 	
11. SEAC Communications 11.1 Question of the Week 11.2 Letter of Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joyce Nicoll, Executive Assistant shared the results of the Question of the Week regarding the 211 Ontario service. The revised draft letter was reviewed and approved. Moved by: Michelle Shevalier That SEAC recommends that Bluewater District School Board consider for approval sending the letter regarding eLearning to the Minister of Education. Carried 	
12. Review IPRC Survey Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Results from the IPRC Survey collected between September and November 2019 were reviewed. 	
13. Review Terms of References	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revisions to the Terms of Reference were reviewed. Moved by: Michelle Shevalier That the SEAC Terms of Reference be revised. Carried 	
14. Notice of Motion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Notices of Motion. 	
15. Agenda Building 2019-2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April and May meetings dates and locations Voices from the Field <ul style="list-style-type: none"> January – Flex Program Feb – Transitions March – Speech Language Pathologists ~ Phonemic Awareness 	
16. Communications Received	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
17. Other Business	<p>Reports to the Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was clarified that Joyce Nicoll provides a report for the Board that Tracy Lynn Atkinson speaks to at the Committee of the Whole Board meeting. The reports can be found as part of the Board Agenda package on the website. 	
18. Adjournment	<p>Moved by: Michelle Shevalier That the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting adjourn at 10:57 a.m. Carried</p>	