

## SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEAC)

Monday, January 25, 2021 - 9:30 a.m.

Online via Microsoft Teams

**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 Shevalier, Member-at-Large (Vice-Chair); Liz Thomas, Keystone Child, Youth & Family Services; Marlene Webb, Community Living Walkerton and District

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

**Student Senator:** Alexis Hollister, Student Senator - John Diefenbaker Senior School

**Resource Staff:** Sheryl Elliott, Superintendent of Education; Melissa McEwen, Learning Services Administrator; Amanda Sims, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

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| 1. Welcome and Acknowledgement | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sheryl Elliott, Superintendent of Education, welcomed everyone.</li> </ul>   |           |
| 2. Election of Chair           | <p><b>Moved by Marilyn McComb, Seconded by Michelle Shevalier</b><br/><b>That nominations for SEAC Chair be opened.</b><br/><b>Carried</b></p> <p><b>Nominated by M. Shevalier</b><br/><b>That Tracy Lynn Atkinson be nominated as SEAC Chair. Tracy Lynn Atkinson agreed to let her name stand.</b></p> <p>Nominations for SEAC Chair were requested three times. No further members were nominated for SEAC Chair.</p> <p><b>Moved by Liz Thomas, Seconded by Tracy Lynn Atkinson</b><br/><b>That the nominations of SEAC chair be closed.</b><br/><b>Carried</b></p> <p>Tracy Lynn Atkinson was acclaimed SEAC Chair. Tracy Lynn Atkinson assumed the position of Chair.</p> |           |
| 3. Election of Vice-Chair      | <p><b>Moved by Marilyn McComb, Seconded by Liz Thomas</b><br/><b>That nominations for SEAC Vice Chair be opened.</b><br/><b>Carried</b></p> <p><b>Nominated by Marilyn McComb</b><br/><b>That Michelle Shevalier be nominated as SEAC Vice Chair. Michelle Shevalier agreed to let her name stand.</b></p> <p>Nominations for SEAC Vice Chair were requested three times. No further members were nominated for SEAC Vice Chair.</p> <p><b>Moved by Tracy Lynn Atkinson, Seconded by Liz Thomas</b><br/><b>That the nominations of SEAC Vice Chair be closed.</b><br/><b>Carried</b></p>  |           |

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|   | Michelle Shevalier was acclaimed SEAC Vice Chair. Michelle Shevalier assumed the position of Vice Chair.  |  |
| 4. Approval of Agenda                             | <b>Moved by: Alicia Rosenberg</b><br><b>That the agenda for January 25, 2021 of the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting be approved.</b><br><b>Carried</b>   |  |
| 5. Approval of Minutes                            | <b>Moved by: Marilyn McComb</b><br><b>That the Minutes for December 14, 2020 of the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting be approved.</b><br><b>Carried</b>   |  |
| 6. Business Arising from the Minutes              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No business arising.</li> </ul>  |  |
| 7. Voices from the Field – Update from Psychology | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Melissa McEwen introduced Tracy MacGregor and Leslie Hastie. Tracy and Leslie presented a PowerPoint highlighting updates from Psychology.</li> </ul>  | - A. Sims - share PowerPoint   |
| 8. Student Voice                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None.</li> <li>Alexis Hollister shared a special education student's experience attending school during the closure.</li> </ul>  |  |
| 9. Superintendent Update                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sheryl Elliott, Superintendent of Education provided an update on the ongoing work being done by members of the Learning Services – Student Support department.</li> </ul>   | - A. Sims - share PowerPoint   |
| 10. Trustee Update                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Marilyn McComb, Trustee provided an update of the January 19, 2021 Board Meeting.</li> </ul>   |  |
| 11. Member(s) Update and Discussion               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Liz Thomas, Keystone Child, Youth &amp; Family Services shared the following upcoming workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parenting Through Change - February 5</li> <li>Parenting your Anxious Child - February 5 and 12.</li> <li>Grandparents Education and Peer Support Group – ongoing meetings throughout the year.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Liz advised the whole organization completed trauma training with Lori Gill. Partnering agencies will be invited to attend her next presentation.</li> <li>Alicia Rosenberg, Bruce Grey Child &amp; Family Services, advised they are accepting referrals. Parenting programs are expected to run in early spring.</li> <li>Jackie Ralph, Canadian Mental Health Association, Grey Bruce Branch Mental Health and Addiction Services, shared the many initiatives and events they are supporting including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>#HeretoHelpGH campaign in partnership with Bruce Grey Child and Family Services</li> <li>ASK Workshops – first one attended by BWDSB and BGCDSD. Two more workshops planned for February and March.</li> <li>Puppet shows – the ask was put out for remote learning students to join resulting in 17 requests.</li> <li>Wellness Wednesday Chats with Chatty Jackie</li> <li>1700 craft kits had been distributed prior to the closure.</li> <li>Bell Let's Talk kits have been distributed to schools in support of Thursday's Bell Let's Talk Day. Several online events are planned for the day.</li> <li>Received two "focus on youth" grants. The first, Good Deeds box, will support completion of good deeds in the</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <p>- L. Thomas – share promotional materials for upcoming sessions</p> <p>- J. Ralph – share promotional materials for upcoming sessions and links to Bell Let's Talk Day sessions</p> |

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|                               | <p>community (e.g. wish list items for residences with individual's living with SMI's, pens, paper, stamps, envelopes, etc.). The second, music collage, will focus on the creation of a youth empowerment song encompassing several works of music and art. Funds will provide honorariums to youth involved in the project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jackie shared that one cooperative education student will be leaving this week while two more will be joining.</li> <li>Marlene Webb, Community Living Walkerton and District, had no updates to report. Marlene inquired whether students nearing the end of secondary would be eligible for assessment when transitioning to post-secondary. Melissa McEwen and Sheryl Elliott advised it would depend on the nature of the request.</li> <li>Lorie Hill, FASworld Canada. Looking at getting Bill 172 passed. Hoping to have a speaker attend SEAC meeting within the next three months regarding FASD and trauma that teachers are dealing with for these individuals.</li> </ul> | - A. Sims – add FASD speaker to Agenda Building |
| 12. SEAC Communications       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None.</li> </ul>  |   |
| 13. Review Terms of Reference | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revisions to the Terms of Reference were reviewed.</li> </ul> <p><b>Moved by: Marilyn McComb</b><br/> <b>That the SEAC Terms of Reference be revised as presented.</b><br/> <b>Carried</b></p>  |   |
| 14. Notice of Motion          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Notices of Motion.</li> </ul>  |   |
| 15. Agenda Building 2020-2021 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>February – Overview of Mental Health Services in BWDSB</li> <li>March – Teacher of the Blind Update</li> </ul>  |   |
| 16. Communications Received   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None.</li> </ul>  |   |
| 17. Other Business            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None.</li> </ul>  |   |
| 18. Adjournment               | <p><b>Moved by: Marlene Webb</b><br/> <b>That the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting adjourn at 10:48 a.m.</b><br/> <b>Carried</b></p>   |   |