

## SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEAC)

Monday, March 22, 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; 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

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

**Guests:** Kim Galloway, FASD Coordinator, Keystone Child, Youth & Family Services, and Allan Mountford, Professor, Durham College, FASD Ontario Network of Excellence Education Working Group

**Absent:** Alicia Rosenberg, Bruce Grey Child & Family Services; Alexis Hollister, Student Senator - John Diefenbaker Senior School

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION / DECISION / ACTION	FOLLOW UP
1. Welcome & Acknowledgement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tracy Lynn Atkinson, Chair, welcomed everyone.</li> <li>Regrets were received from Alicia Rosenberg.</li> </ul>	
2. Approval of Agenda	<p><b>Moved by: Liz Thomas</b> That the agenda for March 22, 2021 of the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Carried</b></p>	
3. Approval of Minutes	<p><b>Moved by: Michelle Shevalier</b> That the Minutes for February 22, 2021 of the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Carried</b></p>	
4. Business Arising from the Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No business arising.</li> </ul>	
5. Voices from the Field – FASD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lorie Hill introduced Kim Galloway, FASD Coordinator, Keystone Child, Youth &amp; Family Services, and Allan Mountford, Professor, Durham College, FASD Ontario Network of Excellence Education Working Group. Kim Galloway, shared a Powerpoint presentation providing an overview of FASD development challenges and behaviours. Allan Mountford shared his experiences working in the FASD sector.</li> </ul>	- A. Sims - share PowerPoint
6. Student Voice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None.</li> </ul>	
7. 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
8. Trustee Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Marilyn McComb, Trustee provided an update of the March 2, 2021 Board Meeting.</li> </ul>	
9. Member(s) Update and Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Liz Thomas, Keystone Child, Youth &amp; Family Services, advised they have hired two new counselors; there is still one vacant position. There have been approximately 40 referrals/week which is double the usual volume. On average,</li> </ul>	

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	<p>about 10 to 15 of those are urgent. There is currently a two to three week waiting period and they are now booked until the end of April. More meetings are being held virtually to address the increase in demand. The adolescent health unit has two beds with rapid turnover. The live-in treatment centre has capacity for three youths; a fourth has been taken on as an exception. The live-in treatment program is being moved to be part of main Owen Sound building as it provides more space. This move will happen in a couple years. A sensory room will be built as part of the organization.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lorie Hill, FASworld Canada, advised they have formed an accessible services team in Port Elgin, that also services Owen Sound, Kincardine, and the Bruce Peninsula.</li> <li>• Marlene Webb, Community Living Walkerton and District, had no updates. Marlene enquired about developmental teacher training and student transitions. Melissa McEwen advised training was focused on IEP development, psychology, and behaviour, providing ABA strategies. Students are connected with outside sources when they are over 18. This is dependent on age and credit accumulation.</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>○ FAN Club presentations including self-esteem, pink shirt day coping with bullies, dealing with change and feelings – including follow up activities.</li> <li>○ Intermediate presentations including different stressors and coping strategies, Kahoot quiz about youth friendly supports.</li> <li>○ Classroom Champions is now live. Ten schools are involved.</li> <li>○ Presenting at parent council meetings.</li> <li>○ “Spring Break” kits are being coordinated.</li> <li>○ “Good Deeds” project in the works. This project encourages support in the community for mental health residences.</li> <li>○ Youth Empowerment Project – a singer and youth engineer have been selected. Collecting and adding pictures of youth who have thrived throughout the pandemic.</li> <li>○ Living life to the full – one staff member is currently taking the training; another waiting for training in May. Bounce Back being offered for ages 13 to 18. Funding provided through BGCFS.</li> <li>○ Rainbows – training Chapman House volunteers on April 12 and 13, 2021. A kit has been ordered that will cover 35 attendees, to start, from JK to Grade 12.</li> <li>○ Choices continues to provide outreach to high schools across Grey and Bruce counties. Offering a hybrid of in person and virtual services to best fit students’ needs. Staffing change with Andrew Drake moving to New Directions and Erich Warner joining the team taking over supports in the Hanover/Walkerton areas. Referrals/ intakes can be done through the school or by calling Heather Murray (intake counsellor) at 519-371-5487.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Michelle Shevalier, Member-at-Large, had no updates.</li> </ul>	
10. Special Education Plan Subcommittee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SEAC members that offered to be part of the Special Education Plan Subcommittee are Lorie Hill and Tracy Lynn Atkinson.</li> </ul>	
11. SEAC Communications 11.1 FASD Letter of Support Consideration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lorie Hill provided an update on Bill 172 and the supports it would make available.</li> <li>Sheryl Elliott and Melissa McEwen advised a draft letter was prepared and will be provided to the committee for review.</li> </ul>	- A. Sims – share draft letter
12. Notice of Motion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Notices of Motion.</li> </ul>	
13. Agenda Building 2020-2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>April - ASD supports</li> <li>May - Partnerships in Education</li> <li>June – Summer enhancements for special education, Bounce Back Program</li> <li>Fall – bring ideas to the table</li> </ul>	
14. Communications Received	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tracy Lynn Atkinson reviewed a letter received by Superior Greenstone District School Board, in support of Durham District School Board's request for a universal design of online learning.</li> <li>The committee completed a Ministry of Education survey with our concerns around tech pieces for online resources.</li> </ul>	
15. Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None.</li> </ul>	
16. Adjournment	<p><b>Moved by: Lorie Hill</b>  <b>That the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting adjourn at 11:18 a.m.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Carried</b></p>	