

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEAC)

Monday, November 23, 2020 - 9:30 a.m.

Teeswater River Room

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, Jennifer Miller

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)

Absent: Lorie Hill, Tracy Lynn Atkinson, Alexis Hollister

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION / DECISION / ACTION	FOLLOW UP
1. Welcome & Acknowledgement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Michelle Shevalier, Vice Chair welcomed everyone. Liz Thomas, Keystone Child, Youth & Family Services and Marlene Webb, Community Living Walkerton and District, and Jennifer Miller, SEAC Alternate Trustee, joined the meeting through Microsoft Teams. 	
2. Approval of Agenda	<p>Moved by: Jackie Ralph That the agenda for November 23, 2020 of the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting be approved as amended.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>	
3. Approval of Minutes	<p>Moved by: Alicia Rosenberg That the Minutes for October 26, 2020 of the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting 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. Voices from the Field – Remote Classroom in D2L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tawnya Schlosser, Special Education Instructional Lead Teacher, and Michelle Stephen, Specialized Technology & Learning Teacher, provided an overview of the classroom setup in D2L, and the opportunities it provides students and parents. 	
6. Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Andrew Low, Interim Manager of Financial Services, provided an overview of the Special Education budget 	- A. Sims - share PowerPoint
7. Student Voice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None. 	
8. Superintendent Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sheryl Elliott, Superintendent of Education provided an update on the ongoing work being done by members of the Learning Services – Student Support department. 	- A. Sims - share PowerPoint
9. Trustees Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marilyn McComb, Trustee provided an update of the November 17, 2020 Board Meeting. 	
10. Member(s) Update and Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alicia Rosenberg, Bruce Grey Child & Family Services provided an update on the Education Mentor Program being launched. Jackie Ralph shared the many initiatives and events they are supporting including: 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Human Trafficking Awareness virtual conference with Jon Farmer – November 25 and 26 ▪ Campus Mental Health Conference ▪ Contemporary Directions in Reducing Suicide Vulnerability in Youth ○ Initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Kids Help Phone Kits at schools ▪ Wellness Wednesdays at JDSS ▪ Puppet announcement - Friday Fun with the FAN Club ▪ Classroom Champions ▪ Bulletin board with resources at schools ▪ PD Day Kits and Christmas Holiday Kits ▪ Launch Pad Podcast – “What’s your 9 to 5” ▪ Online group discussion “COVID-19 Sucks” • Liz Thomas, Keystone Child, Youth & Family Services shared the challenges her organization is experiencing in providing supports while keeping everyone safe during the pandemic. • Upcoming organization wide training with Lori Gill will take place in January and also taking part in Contemporary Directions in Reducing Suicide Vulnerability in Youth. • With opportunities not being available to enter schools, other options will need to be reviewed to provide support. • Marlene Webb, Community Living Walkerton and District, wondered if transition planning meetings are happening separate to IEP or at the end of IEP. Melissa McEwen responded that it depends on complexity and outlined the process. • Jennifer Miller, SEAC Alternate Trustee expressed her pleasure to hear of the supports in place for special education students. She wondered if there is transition planning in place for those aging out of secondary. Melissa McEwen responded that it depends on what’s needed. 	<p>- M. McEwen – set up meeting</p> <p>- A. Sims - share November 3, 2020 SEAC Board Report</p>
11. SEAC Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. 	
12. Notice of Motion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Notices of Motion. 	
13. Agenda Building 2020-2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December – Augmentative Communication: A success story in the making • January - Special Incidence Portion Claims. Remove from agenda as no details at this point. • January - Psychology referral process 	
14. Communications Received	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. 	
15. Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No other business. 	
16. Adjournment	<p>Moved by: Alicia Rosenberg That the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting adjourn at 11:00 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>	