

## SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEAC)

September 24, 2018

9:30 a.m.

Bluewater District School Board, Education Centre, Chesley

**SEAC Participants:** Tracy Lynn Atkinson, Member-at-Large (Vice-Chair); Sandra Kilby, Keystone Child, Youth & Family Services; Alicia Rosenberg, Bruce, Grey Child & Family Services; Michelle Shevalier, Member-at-Large; Marlene Webb, Community Living, Walkerton and District

**Trustee Members:** Jim Dawson

**Resource Staff:** Wendy Kolohon, Superintendent of Education; Lisa Emke, Learning Services Administrator; Darlene Thomson, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

**Absent:** Jennifer, Miller, Autism Ontario Grey Bruce; Moira Robertson, Student Senator; Jackie Ralph, Canadian Mental Health Association; Julie Reitzel, Member-at-Large; Jane Thomson, Trustee (Chair)

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION / DECISION / ACTION	FOLLOW UP Sept. 24, 2018
1. Welcome & Acknowledgement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wendy Kolohon welcomed everyone. Welcome to Michelle Shevalier as newly appointed Member-at-Large.</li> </ul>	
2. Election of Chair	<p><b>Moved by Jim Dawson</b> <b>That nominations for SEAC chair be opened.</b></p> <p><b>Nominated by Jim Dawson</b> <b>That Jane Thomson be nominated as SEAC Chair. Jane had previously given her consent to let her name stand should she be nominated.</b></p> <p>Nominations for SEAC Chair were requested 3 times. No further members were nominated for SEAC Chair. Jane Thomson was acclaimed SEAC Chair.</p> <p><b>Moved by Marlene Webb</b> <b>That the nominations of SEAC chair be closed.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Carried</b></p> <p><b>Moved by Alicia Rosenberg</b> <b>THAT nominations for SEAC Vice-Chair be opened.</b></p> <p><b>Nominated by Jim Dawson</b> <b>That Tracy-Lynn Atkinson be nominated for SEAC Vice-Chair. Tracy-Lynn agreed to let her name stand.</b></p> <p>Nominations for SEAC Vice-Chair were requested 3 times. No further members were nominated for SEAC Vice-Chair. Tracy-Lynn Atkinson was acclaimed SEAC Vice-Chair.</p> <p><b>Moved by Sandra Kilby</b> <b>That the nominations of SEAC Vice-Chair be closed.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Carried</b></p> <p>Tracy-Lynn assumed the position of SEAC Chair in the absence of Jane Thomson.</p>	

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3. Approval of Agenda	<b>Moved by: Sandra Kilby</b> <b>That the agenda for September 24, 2018 of the Special Education Advisory Committee be approved.</b> <b>Carried</b>	
4. Approval of Minutes	<b>Moved by: Jim Dawson</b> <b>That the Minutes for June 25, 2018 of the Special Education Advisory Committee be approved.</b> <b>Carried</b>	
5. Business Arising from the Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No business arising</li> </ul>	
6. Voices from the Field	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tori Wilkin, Teacher of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing presented a power point to the SEAC.</li> <li>Tori explained the difficulty a student that is deaf/hard of hearing would have to learn.</li> <li>She informed SEAC of her role as Teacher of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing in Bluewater.</li> <li>SEAC heard what it is like for someone with hearing loss and the use of technology to assist with their hearing.</li> </ul>	
7. Student Voice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No report.</li> </ul>	
8. Superintendent Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wendy Kolohon, Superintendent of Education gave an overview of the work performed by learning services student support staff.</li> <li>She informed SEAC of the additions to staff both through changes in responsibilities for the department as well as additional staff that have been hired.</li> </ul>	Send power point to SEAC
9. Trustees Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jim Dawson, Trustee, gave an overview of the recent Board Meeting. He mentioned that they will be receiving information regarding enrolment.</li> </ul>	
10. Member(s) Update and Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sandra Kilby, representative of Keystone Child, Youth and Family Services gave an overview of the additions to their staff.</li> <li>Alicia Rosenberg, representative of Bruce Grey Child &amp; Family Services gave an overview of the changes to her agency.</li> <li>Tracy-Lynn Atkinson, Member-at-Large, spoke to the recent Board Meeting that she attended.</li> </ul>	
11. SEAC Self Evaluation Result	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The results of the SEAC Self-Evaluation were reviewed.</li> </ul>	
12. Priorities and Goals for SEAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Director's office is looking at a new communication item, "Question of the Week". SEAC was offered the opportunity to put forth questions.</li> </ul>	Standing item under communications
13. Discussion – Student Voice Input	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student voice to be shared by Moira when she is able to participate.</li> </ul>	
14. SEAC Communications 13.1 Social Media (Tweets)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any items that the members wish to have put on twitter and Facebook to be sent on an ongoing basis.</li> </ul>	Send information to Darlene
15. Notice of Motion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Notices of Motion.</li> </ul>	
16. Agenda Building 2018-2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mental Health presentation – November/December</li> <li>SAL Team presentation – November/December</li> </ul>	
17. Communications Received	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No communications received.</li> </ul>	
18. Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No other business.</li> </ul>	
19. Adjournment	<b>Moved by: Alicia Rosenberg</b> <b>That the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting adjourn at 10:35 a.m.</b> <b>Carried</b>	