



**4. Presentation**

There were no presentations.

**5. Action Items**

There were no action items.

**6. Reports/Updates/Discussion****6.1 Special Education Plan 2005**

Discussion took place and members of SEAC submitted suggestions and changes to the Special Education Plan 2005.

Clarification was provided around the following topics:

- Placements
- Range of support options
- Assessments
- Community consultation process
- Board reviews and Ministry requirements
- Parent information sessions
- Language and, or terminology
- Timelines and process for finalization of the Plan
- Minority Reports (formal written response provided)
- Staff development

Sections from the Special Education Plan 2005 was highlighted. Regarding the range of support options offered by the Board during the life of the 2005 Special Education Plan, the Board will examine: 1) costs; 2) available facilities; 3) Special Education staff; 4) program opportunities and 5) other financial considerations.

Areas of concern were discussed in detail. Members were assured that suggestions and input from SEAC will be taken under serious consideration in the finalization of the Special Education Plan.

A draft of the Special Education Plan will be forwarded to all School Councils for input, as part of the community consultation process. Feedback from School Councils will be reviewed and a finalized Plan will be brought to SEAC at its April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2005 meeting. The Plan will then be submitted to the Board of Trustees for approval, prior to being forwarded to the Ministry of Education, no later than June 31<sup>st</sup>, 2005.

**6.2 Selection Committee - *Brian P. Fichaud Spirit of Inclusion Award 2005***

Members of the Selection Committee for the *Brian P. Fichaud Spirit of Inclusion Award 2005*:

1. Mayor Rob Maclsaac, Mayor, City of Burlington
2. Ruth Anne McAuley, Chair of SEAC
3. Alice Anne LeMay, Trustee and member of SEAC
4. Maureen Burse, member of SEAC
5. John Fauteux, Superintendent of Special Education Services

A meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. at the Board Office in order to select the successful candidates – one at each at the Elementary and Secondary panels.

**6.3 Parents' Questions – SEAC Presentations – November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005 SEAC Meeting**

Discussion previously took place around this item. Members were reminded that the parents' questions were intended for SEAC's information.

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| <b>RECOMMENDATION</b>  | <i>Moved by:</i>    | <i>L. Stanciulescu</i> |
|  | <i>Seconded by:</i> | <i>C. Learn</i>        |
| <b>THAT</b> , the February 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2005 SEAC Meeting extend beyond 10:30 p.m. |                     |                        |
| <b>DEFEATED</b>  |                     |                        |

7. **Information** (Incomplete)
  - 7.1 Children’s Mental Health Fund Community Plan
  - 7.2 Director’s Annual Report
  
8. **Agency Updates** (Incomplete)
  - 8.1 Halton Downe Syndrome Association – January 2005
  - 8.2 Easter Seal Society
  
9. **Future Agenda Items**
  - 9.1 Update - *Brian P. Fichaud Spirit of Inclusion Award 2005*
  - 9.2 Presentation: *KITS – Resource Tool for Parents* (M. Forhan – L. Kovalchek)
  - 9.3 Final Application – *Annual Special Education Plan 2005*
  
10. **Date of Next Meeting**

March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2005
  
11. **Adjournment**

**Closing Prayer**  
The meeting adjourned with a prayer at 10:30 p.m.