

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Members/ Alternates Present: B. Agnew, L. Cipparrone, L. Currie, D. Hotopeleanu, M. Lourenco, C. Parreira,
R. Quesnel, D. Rabenda, J. Rowles, L. Stephenson, S. Trites

Staff Present: B. Browne, Superintendent of Special Education Services
S. Miller, Special Education Coordinator

Members Absent:

Members Excused: A. Iantomasi, H. Karabela

Recorder: J. Crew

1. Call to Order

1.1 Opening Prayer

The meeting began with a prayer at 6:30 pm.

L. Cipparrone

1.2 Approval of Agenda

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by: R. Quesnel

Seconded by: D. Hotopeleanu

THAT, the agenda be approved as submitted.

CARRIED

2. Presentations

3. Actions to be taken

3.1 Approval of Minutes –March 7, 2015 SEAC Meeting

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by: S. Trites

Seconded by: C. Parreira

THAT, the minutes for the SEAC meeting be approved as submitted.

CARRIED

4. Business Arising from Previous Meetings

4.1 Review Chart of Outstanding Items from Previous Meetings

No changes.

5. Action Items

5.2 Board SEAC Email Account

L. Cipparrone

L. Cipparrone presented the option of having a Board SEAC email account similar to the account that was setup for CPIC; the floor was opened for discussion.

Members determined they were in favour of having a SEAC Board email account particularly for such items as webinars; the account would be accessed by the Chair, the Vice Chair and an administration staff member. A motion was put forth that a SEAC email account would be implemented, the motion was moved by L. Stephenson, Seconded by M. Lourenco, it was agreed by all members. A request will be put forth to have an account created.

Review of the email account will be added to the May agenda.

6. Communications to SEAC

6.2 Association Reports

6.1.1 ABC Ontario

M. Lourenco

Association for Bright Children of Ontario, 2016 Annual Conference takes place on Saturday, May 7th, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at TCDSB Head Office, Toronto, 80 Sheppard Avenue (Yonge & Sheppard). This year's theme is 'Do Gifted Children Really Have Special Needs?' M. Lourenco pointed out that some workshop are not specifically gifted and there will also be some teacher only workshops.

7. Information Items

M. Lourenco attended the Parents as Partners conference and put forth the suggestion that the month before a presentation, SEAC members submit questions to allow presentations to be more tailored. B. Browne added that it is helpful to presenters to be able to key in on items of interest to SEAC. L. Cipparrone will include under item 10 'Next Meeting' to review the next month's topics and ask if there are there are any questions or key areas to member would like to see covered.

J. Rowles informed members of a workshop: 'Building Social Connections' designed to identify how individuals with ASD struggle to understand social rules and expectations scheduled for May 4th. J. Rowles will forward full details to be distributed to SEAC members.

8. Questions from the Public

None received.

9. SEAC Discussion/Question Period

10. Next Meeting will be Monday, May 30, 2016

The next meeting will include a budget presentation; L. Cipparrone asked that if anyone had specific questions on the topic to please send via email. Members were reminded that the student awards night is next Monday. L. Currie requested that whenever possible presentations be distributed to members during or after meetings.

11. Adjournment

11.1 Motion for Absenteeism

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by: J. Rowles

Seconded by: L. Stephenson

THAT, A. Iantomasi, H. Karabela be excused.

CARRIED

11.2 Motion for Adjournment

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by: R. Quesnel

Seconded by: C. Parreira

THAT, the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

11.3 Closing Prayer

The meeting closed with a prayer at 6:52 pm.