

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: June 18, 2018
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Catholic Education Centre - Board Room
802 Drury Lane
Burlington, Ontario

Members Present

B. Agnew (Chair)	J. Parisi
R. Barreiro	C. Parreira
L. Currie	R. Quesnel
D. Hotopeleanu	L. Stephenson
M. Lourenco	

Staff Present

- B. Browne, Superintendent of Special Education Services
- A. Bator, Special Education Consultant
- C. Bauman, Special Education Consultant
- P. Codner, Chief Social Worker
- O. Foese, Chief of Psychology Services
- V. Goodwin-Duncan, Special Education Consultant
- A. Jones, Manager, Education Assistants
- D. Kattlus, Manager, Educational Assistants
- D. Kollee, Clinical Practice Leader, Speech-Language Pathology
- K. McCarthy, Special Education Consultant
- T. Melykuty, Chief of Mental Health Programming
- J. O'Reilly, Special Education Consultant
- M. Goulet, Behaviour Analyst
- K. Mann, Behaviour Analyst
- A. Wadsworth, Behaviour Analyst
- T. Wheatley, Behaviour Analyst

Members Excused

- K. Bivand
- L. Cipparrone
- A. Iantomasi
- H. Karabela
- D. Rabenda
- S. Trites

Members Absent

Recording Secretary J. Crew

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order.

1.1 Opening Prayer

The meeting opened at 7:02 p.m. with a prayer led by the Chair.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

Moved by: R. Quesnel

Seconded by: J. Parisi

RESOLVED, that the agenda be accepted as received.

CARRIED

2. Special Education Staff Presentations

B. Agnew welcomed HCDSB staff. B. Browne introduced T. Melykuty, Chief of Mental Health Programming.

2.1 Mental Health Update (T. Melykuty)

T. Melykuty shared some of her professional background in the mental health field prior to taking on the role of Chief of Mental Health Programming and provided an update on HCDSB's **Mental Health Strategy**.

The focus around the province and mandates regarding the educational role in Mental Health for children were also discussed.

2.2 The Year in Review (Special Education Staff)

B. Browne introduced the Special Education staff present.

P. Codner began by discussing social workers' scope of practice and shared data on social work referral statistics.

D. Kollee present a video 'Special Education 2018 – A Celebration of **Synergy**' that she, in collaboration with special education staff, created for SEAC. The compilation showcased the collaborative work and successes in Special Education over the 2017-2018 school year.

3. Actions to be taken

3.1 Minutes of the, May 28, 2018 SEAC Meeting

Moved by: R. Quesnel

Seconded by: D. Hotopeleanu

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the May 28, 2018 SEAC Meeting be approved as presented.

The Chair called for a vote and the motion *CARRIED*.

4. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

5. Business Arising from Previous Meetings

B. Agnew thanked members for the SEAC Soundbytes that had been submitted and told members she would appreciate any additional input. In addition to the new Soundbytes, some previous Soundbytes will be reviewed to be republished. Following that, the appropriate timing for each topic can be determined.

Plans for the next SEAC webinar will begin at the September SEAC meeting; the webinar will take place at the final SEAC meeting at the end of November.

6. Action and Information Items

6.1 Special Education Plan (B. Browne)

B. Browne noted that the intention was to have the Special Education Plan (SEP) for the May SEAC meeting, however there were **delays in gathering all of SEAC's** feedback. The combined input for staff was only available recently, resulting in staff having to review the plan at a hectic time of year. As such, consultation with SEAC on the SEP may need to examine different approaches moving forward. B. Agnew noted it was a good exercise to try, and if members had suggestions on how to approach differently, they were invited to share.

As requested, the final version of the SEP will be sent out to SEAC.

7. Communications to SEAC

7.1 **Superintendent's Report**

B. Browne pointed out that his usual updates were captured in the staff presentations, several of the items were highlighted:

Transitions are going on in June and continue at the end of August for our students with high needs; much of the work continues through the summer; Special Education Consultants are key to these transitions

The needs for the CYCs and Social Workers on our Compassionate Care Team increased considerably over the last few months re: both students and staff

This year's Torch Run, in partnership with the Halton police and school boards, included 35 schools from HCDSB.

The Track and Field event, in collaboration with our Curriculum Department was a wonderful event for our students; the two coordinators were tremendous in their working in partnership. Each year they continue to refine the cross country and track and field events and include our special Olympians. Every race is open with age appropriate peers; this is unique to HCDSB; kudos to all staff involved.

The Chair added that it was a great day and so heart-warming to see everyone on the same team.

7.2 Trustee Reports

7.3 Association Report

7.4 Reports from Other Stakeholder Meetings

R. Quesnel will be attending the Mental Health Leadership Team meeting later in the week.

8. Next Agenda: Meeting Monday, September 17, 2018

The agenda will include an Individual Education Plan (IEP) presentation and webinar planning.

Redistribution of the SEAC meeting evaluation form that been distributed at the June 2017 was discussed.

9. Adjournment

9.1 Resolution re Absentees (Chair)

Moved by: M. Lourenco

Seconded by: R. Quesnel

RESOLVED, that K. Bivand, L. Cipparrone, A. Iantomasi, H. Karabela, D. Rabenda, S. Trites be excused. CARRIED

9.2 Adjournment and Closing Prayer (Chair)

Moved by: D. Hotopeleanu

Seconded by: J. Parisi

RESOLVED, that the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m. with a prayer led by the Chair.