



Special Education Advisory Committee

Thursday October 6, 2022

6:00 p.m.

MS Teams Virtual Meeting

MINUTES

Chair:	W. Rose, Community Representative
Community Reps:	M. Gatopoulos K. Jones T. Sault T. Wilson
Trustees:	B. Doyle T. Waldschmidt
Grand Erie Staff:	P. Bagchee, Manager, Mental Health and Well-Being J. Hooper, Principal Leader – Mental Health & Well-Being F. Lainson, Program Co-ordinator – Specialized Services J. Roberto, Director of Education L. Sheppard, Applied Behaviour Analysis Coordinator L. Thompson, Superintendent of Education
Organizations/ Agencies:	L. Boswell, Community Navigator, Contact Brant L. DeJong, Social Worker, Lansdowne Children's Centre A. Detmar, Woodview Mental Health and Autism Services
Absent with Regrets:	Trustee R. Collver J. Valstar, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent of Education
Absent:	L. Nydam, Community Rep T. Buchanan, Supervisor of Employment Services, Contact Brant
Guests:	
Recording Secretary:	J. White, Principal Leader Specialized Services

A - 1 **Opening**

(a) **Welcome / Land Acknowledgment**

Chair W. Rose welcomed everyone and read the land acknowledgement.

(b) **Roll Call/Reminder of Livestream on YouTube**

(c) **Agenda Additions/Deletions/Approval**

L. Thompson, Superintendent of Education, proposed an amendment that D-1 (b) be moved to the November meeting.

Moved by: K. Jones

Seconded by: L. Boswell

THAT the SEAC 22-02 Agenda for Thursday October 6, 2022 be approved as amended.

Carried

B - 1 **Timed Items**

(a) **Summer Learning – Specialized Services**

L. Thompson, Superintendent of Education, F. Lainson, Program Coordinator Specialized Services, L. Sheppard, Applied Behaviour Analysis Coordinator, and P. Bagchee, Manager Mental Health & Well-Being, provided an overview of summer programs for students and staff in the areas of virtual and in-person opportunities for grades 2-12, Psych assessments, Secondary tech camps, and summer learning for Grand Erie employees.

Chair Rose inquired if there was a timeline for boards to find out about summer learning funds for next year and whether there may be an opportunity for SEAC to advocate for continued funding for these programs from the Ministry. Chair Rose will draft a letter to the Ministry in the new year to inquire about funding.



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C - 1 **Business Arising from Minutes and/or Previous Meetings**

(a) **Approval of Minutes September 8, 2022**

Presented as printed.

Moved by: K. Jones

Seconded by: A. Detmar

THAT the Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting, held September 8, 2022 be approved as printed.

Carried

(b) **SEAC Terms of Reference (ToR) – Final copy for Approval**

L. Thompson, Superintendent of Education, reviewed changes to the Terms of Reference, explaining that most updates were related to alignment of language with legislation within the committee composition section.

L. DeJong, Social Worker Lansdowne Children's Centre, requested that reference to members of the board indicate that is Board of Trustees. L. Thompson, Superintendent of Education, to add this edit.

Moved by: L. Boswell

Seconded by: L. DeJong

THAT the Terms of Reference be approved as edited.

Carried

(c) **SEAC Recruitment Flyer**

Chair Rose shared the flyer for this year's SEAC recruitment. Current members were reminded that to continue as a member of SEAC, members must complete a resubmission by October 31st, 2022.

(d) **Modified Day – Information**

J. White, Principal Leader Specialized Services, shared the areas of the Education Act and Board Policy that reference modified day. Examples of when a student may require a modified day and general guidelines were also shared. It was shared with SEAC members that a more fulsome conversation about modified day would be taking place with Safe and Inclusive Schools.

(e) **Project SEARCH – Update**

J. White, Principal Leader Specialized Services, shared an update on the activities occurring as part of Project SEARCH. Chair Rose will draft a letter to Minister Lecce in support of Project SEARCH.

(f) **OnSIS/LITE Data – What will be presented this year at the November meeting?**

L. Thompson, Superintendent of Education, shared that this agenda item is shared at SEAC each year. SEAC members were asked if there was anything they would like this data to focus on this year. L. DeJong, Social Worker Lansdowne Children's Centre, requested trend data over time to be included.



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D - 1 **New Business**

(a) **Grand Erie's Multi-Year Accessibility Plan 2022-27**

J. Hooper, Principal Leader Mental Health & Well-Being, reviewed this year's accessibility plan with members. This is a new plan that outlines areas of focus for the 2022-27 years. The plan is a working document so will be updated to share any recent activity and timelines for each action item.

(b) **Grand Erie's Annual Learning and Operating Plan 2022-23**

Deferred to November 3, 2022 meeting

E - 1 **Other Business**

Nil

F - 1 **Standing Items**

(a) **Policy/Procedures Out for Comment**

Nil

(b) **Trustee Updates**

Trustee Doyle and Trustee Waldschmidt shared their respective updates.

(c) **Chair/Vice Chair Items**

Nil

G - 1 **Information Items**

(a) **Resignation of A. Detmar, Woodview Mental Health & Autism Services**

Chair Rose thanked A. Detmar, Woodview Mental Health and Autism Services, for her service and wished her well. Chair Rose thanked Alicia Csoff, Haldimand-Norfolk REACH, who will be sending new representation.

H - 1 **Community Updates**

Nil

I - 1 **Correspondence**

(a) **LDAO SEAC Circular – September 2022**

Presented as printed

J - 1 **Future Agenda Items and SEAC Committee Planning**

L. DeJong, Social Worker Lansdowne Children's Centre, requested that the focus of PD days be shared as an update at future meetings.

K - 1 **Next Meeting**

Thursday November 3, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., MS Teams Virtual Meeting



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L - 1 **Adjournment**

Moved by: L. Boswell

Seconded by: A. Detmar

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Carried