



Special Education Advisory Committee

Thursday January 12, 2023

6:00 p.m.

MS Teams Virtual Meeting

MINUTES

Chair:	L. DeJong, Social Worker, Lansdowne Children's Centre
Community Reps:	K. Kelly K. Jones W. Rose M. Gatopoulos L. Nydam
Trustees:	S. Gibson T. Waldschmidt
Grand Erie Staff:	A. Haidar, IT P. Bagchee, Manager Mental Health and Well-Being J. Hooper, Principal Leader Mental Health Education and Student Support Services F. Lainson, Program Co-ordinator Specialized Services L. Sheppard, Applied Behaviour Analysis Coordinator L. Thompson, Superintendent of Education L. Boswell, Community Navigator, Contact Brant C. Gilman, Easter Seals Ontario C. Stefanelli, Program Manager, Woodview Mental Health & Autism Services
Organizations/ Agencies:	T. Aubin, Lansdowne Children's Centre T. Buchanan, Community Living Brant
Guests:	B. Bruce, Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation
Absent:	Trustee Whiton
Absent with regrets:	
Recording Secretary:	J. Valstar, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent of Education

A - 1 **Opening**

(a) **Welcome / Land Acknowledgment Statement**

Chair Rose called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

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

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

D-1(d): Partnership between 211 and the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) and the Union of Postal Communication Employee - Public Service Alliance Canada (UPCE-PSAC)

F-1 (b): Jessie Hooper

F-1 (c): Trustee Updates

G-1 (e): Secondary School Open House

Moved by: K. Jones

Seconded by: L. Boswell

THAT the January 12, 2023 Agenda be approved, as amended.

Carried

B - 1 **Timed Items**

(a) **Thank you – Principal Leader of Special Education**

Superintendent Thompson thanked W. Rose for her time as Chair of SEAC and thanked Superintendent White for her time on SEAC as Principal Leader, Specialized Services.



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- (b) **Election – Chair and Vice-Chair of SEAC January 2023**
Superintendent Thompson explained the election process for the new Chair and Vice-Chair of SEAC. Social Worker, L. DeJong was acclaimed as Chair. K. Jones was acclaimed as Vice-Chair.
- C - 1 **Business Arising from Minutes and/or Previous Meetings**
- (a) **Approval of Minutes December 8, 2022**
Presented as printed.
- Moved by: W. Rose
Seconded by: M. Gatopoulos
THAT the Minutes dated December 8, 2022 be approved, as presented.
Carried
- (b) **SEAC Final Terms of Reference**
Presented as printed.
- D - 1 **New Business**
- (a) **Research Project – Lansdowne Pilot Project**
T. Aubin, Occupational Therapy Manager, Lansdowne Children's Centre presented Lansdowne's pilot project called Partnering for Change (P4C). The results will be shared with SEAC.
- (b) **AAC Devices and the SEA Process (April 2023)**
Program Coordinator F. Lainson provided an overview of Augmentative Alternative Communication (AAC) and Special Equipment Amount (SEA) use in schools and at home, and addressed questions from members.
- (c) **2023-24 School Year Calendar**
Proposed Elementary and Secondary School Year calendars presented as printed. Feedback was collected from members.
- (d) **New Disability Supports Website**
Community Navigator L. Boswell shared information on a new disability support portal created by 211, the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW), and the Union of Postal Communication Employee – Public Service Alliance Canada (UPCE-PSAC) that is accessible to the general public that can be found at www.disability-supports.ca
- E - 1 **Other Business**
- (a) **Grand Erie's Special Education Plan – Standard 5 – Identification, Placement and Review Committee**
Applied Behaviour Analysis Coordinator L. Sheppard and Program Coordinator F. Lainson presented the goals and possible updates for Standard 5 and collected feedback from committee members.



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- (b) **Grand Erie's Special Education Plan – Standard 10 – Individual Education Plan**
Applied Behaviour Analysis Coordinator L. Sheppard and Program Coordinator F. Lainson presented the goals and possible updates for Standard 10 and collected feedback from committee members.
- (c) **Kick Start**
Principal Leader J. Hooper presented the Kick Start Transition to Kindergarten program taking place at twelve schools within Grand Erie.
- (d) **Anti-Sex Trafficking**
Principal Leader J. Hooper presented the flyer for the Parent Event on Anti-Sex Trafficking.
- F - 1 **Standing Items**
- (a) **Policy/Procedures Out for Comment** – Nil
- (b) **Reminder Policy Feedback available January 17, 2023**
Principal Leader J. Hooper shared the list of policies that will be coming out for comment on January 17, 2023.
- (c) **Trustee Updates**
Trustee Waldschmidt shared the trustee update.
- G - 1 **Information Items**
- (a) **Reminder of Kindergarten Registration**
Principal Leader J. Hooper shared that Kindergarten registration is open now and asked members to share this information in their communities.
- (b) **Reminder of French Immersion Registration**
Principal Leader J. Hooper shared that Junior Kindergarten French Immersion registration is open now and closes February 3, 2023. Members were asked to share this information in their communities.
- (c) **Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee (GEPIC) Speaker Line-up**
The line-up of GEPIC speakers will be forthcoming.
- (d) **Indigenous Education Advisory Committee (IEAC) Speaker Line-up**
Principal Leader J. Hooper shared the speaker for IEAC on January 24, 2023.
- (e) **Secondary School Open House**
Principal Leader J. Hooper shared the dates for the Grade 8 open house nights and that the grade 9 registration is in progress. The new campaign to reengage secondary students was discussed.
- H - 1 **Community Updates** – Nil



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I - 1 **Correspondence**

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- (a) Letter to Minister Lecce from Dufferin-Peel DSB re. Ontario's Plan to Catch Up
- (b) Letter to Minister Lecce from Durham DSB re. SIP Funding
- (c) Ministry Memo to School Boards re. EQAO results & Plan to Catch Up
- (d) LDAO Circular – November 2022

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

- (a) Suspension, Expulsion and Exclusion Data 2021-22 for Students with Special Education Needs
- (b) Equity Work – Gathering the Voices of Students with Special Education Needs and their families
- (c) Communication Practices Between Home and School
- (d) A Day in the Life of a Learning Resource Teacher
- (e) OSSTF Inclusion Symposium – Summary Report
- (f) Street Data – Summer Programs
- (g) ONSIS Data for Students with Special Education Needs
- (h) Orientation Meeting for New Members

K - 1 **Next Meeting**

Thursday February 2, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., MS Teams Virtual Meeting.

L - 1 **Adjournment**

Moved by: L. Boswell

Seconded by: W. Rose

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Carried