



Special Education Advisory Committee

Thursday February 2, 2023

6:00 p.m.

MS Teams Virtual Meeting

MINUTES

Chair:	L. DeJong, Social Worker, Lansdowne Children's Centre
Community Reps:	M. Gatopoulos K. Jones L. Nydam W. Rose B. Bruce
Trustees:	T. Waldschmidt L. Whiton P. Bagchee, Manager, Mental Health and Well-Being J. Hooper, Principal Leader Mental Health Education and Student Support Services
Grand Erie Staff:	F. Lainson, Program Co-ordinator Specialized Services J. Senior, Principal Leader, Specialized Services L. Sheppard, Applied Behaviour Analysis Coordinator L. Thompson, Superintendent of Education M. Tokaci, Information Technology T. Buchanan, Supervisor of Employment Supports, Community Living Brant
Organizations/ Agencies:	L. Boswell, Community Navigator, Contact Brant C. Gilman, Easter Seals Ontario R. Vriends, Autism Ontario P. Ashe, Principal Leader, Safe & Inclusive Schools
Guests:	W. Baker, Superintendent of Education R. Wyszynski, Superintendent of Business
Absent with regrets:	K. Kelly, Community Representative C. Stefanelli, Community Representative
Recording Secretary:	J. Valstar, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent of Education

A - 1 **Opening**

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

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

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

M. Tokaci, Information Technology informed members of the YouTube livestream. Superintendent Thompson reminded members of the closed caption feature available in MS Teams.

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

Presented as printed.

Moved by: W. Rose

Seconded by: T. Buchanan

THAT the February 2, 2023 Agenda be approved, as presented

Carried

B - 1 **Timed Items**

(a) **Welcome – Principal Leader of Specialized Services**

Superintendent Thompson introduced Grand Erie's new Principal Leader of Specialized Services, J. Senior.



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- (b) **Welcome – new SEAC member**
Chair DeJong introduced a new SEAC member from Autism Ontario, R. Vriends.
- (c) **Financial Update – 2022-23 – A review of special education funding, grants, expenditures and reserves 2022-23**
Superintendent Wyszynski presented a review of special education financials from the 2022-23 school year.
- (d) **2023-24 Budget Process**
Superintendent Wyszynski explained the budget process for the 2023-24 school year and addressed questions from members.
- C - 1 **Business Arising from Minutes and/or Previous Meetings**
- (a) **Approval of Minutes**
D-1 (d): Amended to include that this portal is available to the general public at www.disability-supports.ca
- Moved by: W. Rose
Seconded by: L. Boswell
THAT the Minutes dated January 12, 2023 be approved, as amended.
Carried
- (b) **Supporting Students with Special Education Needs from a Safe and Inclusive Schools Lens**
Principal Leader, Safe & Inclusive Schools P. Ashe explained the role of the Safe and Inclusive Schools Team in Grand Erie and addressed questions from members.
- (c) **Equity Work – Gathering the Voices of Students with Special Education Needs and their Families**
Principal Leader, Safe & Inclusive Schools P. Ashe explained how the Safe and Inclusive Schools Team gathers data on equity and addressed questions from members.
- D - 1 **New Business**
- (a) **Regional Special Education Council (RSEC) - Updates**
Principal Leader Mental Health Education and Student Support Services J. Hooper provided members with an overview of the RSEC Conference some of the Specialized Services staff attended in January 2023.
- E - 1 **Other Business** - Nil
- F - 1 **Standing Items**
- (a) **Policies Out for Comment**
Vice Chair Jones reviewed the policies that are out for comment until February 15, 2023, as listed in the SEAC meeting package, and explained the new structure of policies vs. procedures.



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(b) **Trustee Updates**

Trustees Waldschmidt and Whiton shared their respective updates.

(c) **Chair/Vice Chair Updates**

Chair DeJong and Vice Chair Jones gave their respective updates.

G - 1 **Information Items** - Nil

H - 1 **Community Updates** - Nil

I - 1 **Correspondence** - Nil

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

- (a) Communication Practices Between Home and School
- (b) A Day in the Life of a Learning Resource Teacher
- (c) OnSIS Data for Students with Special Education needs 2021-22
- (d) OSSTF Inclusion Symposium – Summary Report
- (e) Street Data – Summer Programs
- (f) Orientation Meeting for New Members
- (g) Report on the Right to Read - Update

K - 1 **Next Meeting**

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

L - 1 **Adjournment**

Moved by: W. Rose

Seconded by: L. Boswell

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Carried