



# Special Education Advisory Committee

Thursday March 2, 2023

6:00 p.m.

MS Teams Virtual Meeting

## MINUTES

<b>Chair:</b>	L. DeJong, Social Worker, Lansdowne Children's Centre
<b>Community Reps:</b>	M. Gatopoulos      K. Jones      L. Nydam W. Rose      T. Sault
<b>Trustees:</b>	T. Waldschmidt      L. Whiton P. Bagchee, Manager, Mental Health and Well-Being J. Hooper, Principal Leader Mental Health Education and Student Support Services
<b>Grand Erie Staff:</b>	F. Lainson, Program Co-ordinator Specialized Services J. Senior, Principal Leader, Specialized Services L. Sheppard, Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) Coordinator L. Thompson, Superintendent of Education A. Haidar, Information Technology T. Buchanan, Supervisor of Employment Supports, Community Living Brant
<b>Organizations/ Agencies:</b>	L. Boswell, Community Navigator, Contact Brant C. Gilman, Easter Seals Ontario C. Stefanelli, Program Manager, Woodview Mental Health & Autism Services R. Vriends, Autism Ontario
<b>Absent with regrets:</b>	K. Kelly, Community Representative
<b>Recording Secretary:</b>	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 6:06 p.m. and read the Land Acknowledgment Statement.

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

A reminder to attendees to mute their microphones and/or turn off the livestream as to not cause feedback on the livestream.

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

H-1(a): Accessibility project on birding trails

Moved by: K. Jones

Seconded by: W. Rose

THAT the March 2, 2023 Agenda be approved, as amended.

**Carried**

### B - 1 **Timed Items**

#### (a) **OnSIS Data for Students with Special Education Needs 2021-22**

Superintendent Thompson presented the OnSIS data for students with special needs from the 2021-22 school year. She provided provincial data to provide context and support further discussion.



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

#### (a) **Approval of Minutes**

Moved by: W. Rose

Seconded by: L. Nydam

THAT the Minutes dated February 2, 2023 be approved, as presented

**Carried**

#### (b) **Communication Practices between Home and School**

Principal Leader, Specialized Services J. Senior presented the process for communication between home and school.

### D - 1 **New Business**

#### (a) **Overview of changes in Self-contained programs**

Principal Leader, Specialized Services J. Senior, Program Coordinator, Specialized Services F. Lainson, and ABA Coordinator L. Sheppard presented an overview of the changes to some of the self-contained classrooms for the 2023-24 school year.

#### (b) **Budget input – completion of MS Form**

Superintendent Thompson shared that the Budget Input Survey will be sent out to members the following week.

### E - 1 **Other Business**

#### (a) **Standard 18 – Coordination of Services with other Ministries or Agencies**

Principal Leader, Specialized Service J. Hooper presented Standard 18 of the Special Education Plan with the proposed changes and provided opportunity for SEAC input.

### F - 1 **Standing Items**

#### (a) **Policies Out for Comment - Nil**

#### (b) **Trustee Updates**

Trustee Waldschmidt and Trustee Whiton gave 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**

#### (a) **Accessibility project on birding trails**

K. Jones shared information about a project exploring ways to make birding trails more accessible with committee members.

### I - 1 **Correspondence**

#### (a) **LDAO Circular February 2023**

Presented as printed



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

- (a) A Day in the Life of a Learning Resource Teacher
- (b) OSSTF Inclusion Symposium – Summary Report
- (c) Street Data – Summer Programs
- (d) Report on the Right to Read – Update
- (e) Student Success – Feedback on Destreaming in Grand Erie
- (f) Belonging project (P. Bagchee)
- (g) Updates on self-contained classrooms
- (h) Dates for the 2023-24 SEAC meetings

### K - 1 **Next Meeting**

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

### L - 1 **Adjournment**

Moved by: L. Boswell

Seconded by: M. Gatopoulos

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

**Carried**