



# Special Education Advisory Committee

Thursday April 6, 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>	K. Kelly                      M. Gatopoulos              K. Jones W. Rose
<b>Trustees:</b>	T. Waldschmidt      L. Whiton P. Bagchee, Manager, Mental Health and Well-Being C. Guzar, Instructional Coach A. Haidar, Information Technology J. Hooper, Principal Leader Mental Health Education and Student Support Services
<b>Grand Erie Staff:</b>	F. Lainson, Program Co-ordinator Specialized Services J. Roberto, Director of Education J. Senior, Principal Leader, Specialized Services L. Sheppard, Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) Coordinator L. Thompson, Superintendent of Education C. Vrugteman, Instructional Coach L. Boswell, Community Navigator, Contact Brant C. Gilman, Easter Seals Ontario
<b>Organizations/Agencies</b>	C. Stefanelli, Program Manager, Woodview Mental Health & Autism Services R. Vriends, Autism Ontario
<b>Guests:</b>	S. Bennett, Professor, Brock University M. Shuttleworth, Assistant Professor, Brock University T. Buchanan, Supervisor of Employment Supports, Community Living Brant
<b>Absent:</b>	T. Sault, Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation
<b>Absent with regrets:</b>	L. Nydam, Six Nations of the Grand River
<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 6:02 p.m. and read the Land Acknowledgment Statement.

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

A. Haidar, Information Technology, informed members of the YouTube livestream. Chair DeJong reminded members of the closed caption feature available in MS Teams

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

I-1(b): LDAO Circular for April – Not yet available, therefore deferred to May

Moved by: L. Boswell

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the April 6, 2023 Agenda be approved, as amended.

**Carried**



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#### B - 1 Timed Items

##### (a) Moving towards Inclusion – Dr. Sheila Bennett

Dr. S. Bennett and M. Shuttleworth presented on moving towards inclusion in schools and answered questions from SEAC members.

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

##### (a) Approval of Minutes

Presented as printed.

Moved by: K. Jones

Seconded by: T. Waldschmidt

THAT the Minutes dated March 2, 2023 be approved, as presented.

**Carried**

##### (b) A Day in the Life of the Instructional Coach – Specialized Services

Instructional Coaches C. Guzar and C. Vrugteman gave a presentation on the role of the Instructional Coach – Specialized Services and the services that are available to students and educators through their interventions.

#### D - 1 New Business

##### (a) Educational Assistant – Allocation Process

Principal Leader J. Senior explained the Educational Assistant Allocation process and answered questions from SEAC members.

#### E - 1 Other Business

##### (a) Schedule of Finance Committee Meetings

Superintendent Thompson shared the dates of the upcoming Finance Committee meetings should any SEAC members wish to attend.

#### F - 1 Standing Items

##### (a) Policies Out for Comment

Vice Chair Jones reminded members of the deadline for providing feedback on the policies that are currently out for comment.

##### (b) Trustee Updates

Trustee Waldschmidt gave his update.

##### (c) Chair/Vice Chair Updates

Chair DeJong provided her update. Superintendent Thompson clarified the way meeting minutes are taken across all committees within Grand Erie.

#### G - 1 Information Items

##### (a) SEAC Presentation Interest Form

Chair DeJong and Vice Chair Jones shared the process for submitting items for discussion at SEAC.



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(b) **Upcoming Virtual Presentation – Staying Connected: Understanding (Cyber)Bullying in a Wireless World**  
Presented as printed.

(c) **June SEAC meeting**  
The June SEAC meeting has been moved to Thursday June 15<sup>th</sup> and will take place in person at the Education Centre. There will be a virtual option and the meeting will be Livestreamed on YouTube.

(d) **PAAC on SEAC Resource Guide on Special Education Funding**  
Presented as printed.

H - 1 **Community Updates** - Nil

I - 1 **Correspondence**

(a) **Letter from Near North District School Board re. SIP Claim Funding**  
Presented as printed

(b) **LDAO Circular for April**  
Not yet available – deferred to May

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

- (a) OSSTF Inclusion Symposium – Summary Report
- (b) Grand Erie's Annual Learning and Operating Plan – Mid-Year Update
- (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
- (i) Independence Support Plans

K - 1 **Next Meeting**

Thursday May 4, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., MS Teams Virtual Meeting.

L - 1 **Adjournment**

Moved by: L. Boswell

Seconded by: K. Jones

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

**Carried**