



Special Education Advisory Committee

Thursday March 7, 2024

6:00 p.m.

MS Teams Virtual Meeting

AGENDA

Land Acknowledgement

The Grand Erie District School Board recognizes Six Nations of the Grand River and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, as the longstanding peoples of this territory. We honour, recognize, and respect these communities as well as all First Nations, Metis and Inuit Peoples who reside within the Grand Erie District School Board. We are all stewards of these lands and waters where we now gather, learn, and play, and commit to working together in the spirit of Reconciliation.

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| Item | Info. | Dia. | Res. | Responsibility |
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| LEAD | | | | |
| A-1 Opening 6:00-6:05 | | | | |
| (a) Welcome / Land Acknowledgement Statement | | | √ | L. DeJong |
| (b) Roll Call (incl Visiting Trustees)/Reminder of Livestream on YouTube/Reminder of Closed Caption Feature on Teams | | | √ | L. DeJong |
| (c) Agenda Additions/ Deletions/ Approvals* | | √ | √ | L. DeJong |
| LEARN | | | | |
| B-1 Timed Items 6:05 – 6:30 | | | | |
| (a) Early Reading Strategy – A Day in the Life of the Reading Resource Intervention Teacher | √ | √ | | J. Kingma |
| (b) Presentation from Woodview Mental Health & Autism Support | √ | √ | | C. Stefanelli / A. Detmar |

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| (c) Grand Erie's Specialized Services Program Report | √ | √ | | L. Thompson |
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| C-1 Business Arising from Minutes and/or Previous Meetings 6:30-6:50 | | | | |
| (a) Approval of Minutes from February 1, 2024* | | | √ | L. DeJong |
| (b) Review – Letter in Support of TVDSB Letter dated November 22, 2023* | √ | √ | √ | L. DeJong |
| (c) Destreaming in Grand Erie - update | √ | √ | | L. Munro |
| (d) Grand Erie's funding for transportation for students with special education needs - Update | √ | | | L. Thompson |
| LEARN | | | | |
| D-1 New Business 6:50-7:30 | | | | |
| (a) Grand Erie's Special Education Plan – Standard 12 – Specialized Services Staff | √ | √ | | J. Senior |
| (b) | | | | |
| (c) | | | | |
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| E-1 Other Business 7:30-7:45 | | | | |
| (a) | | | | |

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| F-1 Standing Items 7:45-7:55 | | | | |
| Policies Out for Comment - Nil Please send all comments and feedback regarding the following policies to policies@granderie.ca | | | | K. Jones |
| (a) Trustee Update | √ | | | T. Waldschmidt / L. Whiton |
| (b) Chair/Vice-Chair Updates | √ | | | L. DeJong / K. Jones |
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| G-1 Information Items | | | | |
| (a) | | | | |
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| H-1 Community Updates | | | | |
| (a) | | | | |
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| I-1 Correspondence – 7:55-8:00 | | | | |
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| J-1 Future Agenda Items and SEAC Committee Planning | | | | |
| (a) A Day in the Life of a Math Coach | | | | |
| (b) Video Spotlight – Inclusion by Design in Grand Erie | | | | |
| (c) School Culture and Well-Being <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restorative Practices in Grand Erie • update on Social Justice Series | | | | |
| (d) Grand Erie’s SEAC – Terms of Reference review and updating | | | | |
| (e) Ministry of Education Website - Review | | | | |
| (f) | | | | |
| K-1 Next Meeting | | | | |
| Thursday April 4, 2024 MS Teams | √ | | | L. DeJong |
| L-1 Adjournment | | | | |
| Meeting adjourned | | | √ | L. DeJong |

Note: Column Abbreviations

* Attachments to the agenda

Info. Item for information only

Dia. Item for dialogue

Res. Item for resolution or recommendation





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Present: Chair L. DeJong, Vice-Chair K. Jones, Trustees: T. Waldschmidt, L. Whiton, Community Representatives: B. Bruce, K. Kelly, L. Nydam, W. Rose Organizations: T. Buchanan, L. Boswell, P. Found, C. Gilman, C. Stefanelli, R. Vriends

Administration: Superintendent L. Thompson, Principal Leader Specialized Services: J. Senior, Specialized Services Supervisor: P. Bagchee, Program Coordinators: L. Miedema, L. Sheppard, Recording Secretary: J. Valstar

A - 1 **Opening**

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

Superintendent Thompson 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**

Recording Secretary J. Valstar confirmed roll call.

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

Moved by: T. Waldschmidt

Seconded by: L. Boswell

THAT the February 1, 2023 agenda be approved as printed.

Carried

B - 1 **Timed Items**

(a) **Welcome new SEAC member and round table introductions – who you are and what you bring to SEAC**

P. Found, Norfolk Association for Community Living, was introduced as a new committee member.

(b) **SEAC Orientation Reminders**

Presented as printed.

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

(a) **Approval of Minutes**

Moved by: L. Nydam

Seconded by: K. Jones

THAT the Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes dated January 11, 2024 be approved.

Carried

(b) **Follow up on TVDSB letter for discussion about SEAC sending a letter of support regarding students struggling with mental health challenges.**

Moved by: W. Rose

Seconded by: K. Jones

THAT SEAC write a letter of support related to the Thames Valley District School Board letter dated November 22, 2023 to be issued to the Ministry of Children, Community &



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Social Services, the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Health, and to the Chair of all Special Education Advisory Committees in Ontario.

Carried

D - 1 New Business

(a) Video Spotlight - Anti-racism video series

Presented

(b) Grand Erie's Special Education Plan 2023-24 – Standard 6 – Educational and Other Assessments

Specialized Services Supervisor P. Bagchee reviewed Standard 6 of Grand Erie's Special Education Plan 2023-24 and solicited input from SEAC members.

(c) Canadian Cognitive Abilities Test (C-CAT)

Program Coordinator L. Sheppard presented the 2022-23 outcomes and 2023-24 implementation for C-CAT testing.

E - 1 Other Business

(a) Specialized Services Flyer - Update

Presented as printed.

F - 1 Standing Items

Policies Out for Comment - Nil

(a) Trustee Updates

Trustee Waldschmidt gave an update, including a summary of Michael Jacques' presentation to trustees at the January 29, 2024 Board Meeting.

(b) Chair/Vice Chair Update

Chair DeJong and Vice-Chair Jones shared their respective updates.

G - 1 Information Items

(a) Regional Special Education Council (RSEC) Update

Principal Leader J. Senior gave an update from the RSEC Conference he attended in January 2024.

H - 1 Community Updates

(a) Autism Ontario

R. Vriens informed committee members of World Autism Day on Tuesday April 2, 2024.

(b) Fire Prevention

Trustee Waldschmidt gave an update on fire prevention.

(c) Contact Brant

L. Boswell shared the new address for Contact Brant with committee members.



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I - 1 Correspondence

(a) Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board's SEAC to the Ministry.

Superintendent Thompson will come back with a response to SEAC members on Grand Erie's funding for transportation for students with special education needs.

J - 1 Future Agenda Items and SEAC Committee Planning

- (a) A Day in the Life of a Math Coach
- (b) Video Spotlight – Inclusion by Design in Grand Erie
- (c) Follow up on destreaming in Grand Erie
- (d) Early Reading Strategy – A Day in the Life of the Reading Resource Intervention Teacher
- (e) School Culture and Well-Being
 - Restorative Practices in Grand Erie
 - Update on Social Justice Series
- (f) Grand Erie's SEAC – Terms of Reference review and updating
- (g) Ministry of Education Website – Review
- (h) Presentation from Woodview Mental Health & Autism Support
- (i) Letter from Grand Erie's SEAC in support of the letter from the Thames Valley District School Board regarding support for students struggling with mental health challenges in Ontario.

K - 1 Next Meeting

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L - 1 Adjournment

Moved by: C. Gilman
Seconded by: L. Boswell
THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Carried

Hon. Stephen Lecce
Minister of Education
5th Floor, 438 University Ave.
Toronto, Ontario M5G 2K8
Via email: minister.educ@ontario.ca

Dear Minister Lecce,

I am writing on behalf of the members of Grand Erie District School Board's Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) to endorse the concerns outlined in the attached Thames Valley District School Board's letter dated November 22, 2023.

The lack of timely community mental health resources for youth is an issue across this province. Waiting for mental health services has a significant impact on a youth's well-being, self-esteem & student success.

We feel that there is a need for expanded partnership among education, community, and health services in Ontario.

In support of the mental health needs outlined in the attached letter, we are also sending these letters to the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services and the Ministry of Health to help inform all sectors regarding the community needs for youth mental health services beyond the school environment.

Sincerely,

Lorraine DeJong

SEAC Chair,
Grand Erie District School Board

cc: Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
Minster of Health
TVDSB Chair
Ontario SEAC Chairs