

SUBJECT TO COMMITTEE APPROVAL

KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

DRAFT SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 3:30 p.m.
Room 158, Education Centre, Peterborough ON

ATTENDANCE

Present: Angela Lloyd Trustee (Committee Vice-chairperson)
Kim Carson Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Peterborough
Cyndi Dickson Trustee
Toni Hill Development Services Ontario
Marilyn Robinson Autism Ontario – Peterborough Chapter
Alison Rodriguez Community Living Peterborough
April Smoke First Nations
Deb Toth Alternative Community Program Services
Incorporated
Wendy Johansen Ontario Association of Families of Children with
Communication Disorders

Regrets: Jaine Klassen Jeninga Trustee (Alternate)
Alex Cranfield Five Counties Children’s Centre
(Committee Chairperson)
Kathy Traynor Down Syndrome Association of Peterborough
Aileen Fletcher OSSTF

Absent:

Also Present: A.M. Duncan, A. Hunt-Schmoll, C. Filip, J. Massie, L. Schoenmaker, D.
Beardmore and E. O’Neill.

Land Acknowledgement

Trustee A. Lloyd, called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m. It was recognized and acknowledged that the Committee was meeting on the traditional territory of the Mississauga First Nations.

Adoption of Agenda

**MOVED BY C. Dickson, SECONDED BY M. Robinson
That the agenda be adopted as printed.**

CARRIED

Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Nil.

Adoption of Minutes

MOVED BY M. Robinson, SECONDED BY A. Rodriguez
That the Minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday, January 7, 2020, be adopted
as recorded. CARRIED

Board Report

Trustee A. Lloyd updated the committee on events and initiatives being undertaken by the Board. The Board is moving forward with the development of the Intermediate school at Crestwood. A Transition Committee is being established with students, parents and staff to assist in making the transition as smooth as possible. The Director's Annual Report was reviewed, and the school calendar was approved. Everyone will be busy in the upcoming month and everyone is saddened with the tragic loss of Trustee S. Patterson.

Presentation:
Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)

Kim Carson, Co-ordinator, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Peterborough, provided the Committee with the definition of FASD and her role as it pertains to the community and the students in our schools. FASD Peterborough is changing the definition to remove the blame and stigma of FASD. David Beardmore, Behaviour Support Assistant (BSA), KPRDSB, informed the Committee how the BSAs are using appropriate intervention strategies to build self-worth and resilience in our students.

Their presentations will be distributed to the Committee for review. L. Schoenmaker informed the Committee that K. Carson and D. Beardmore have presented to KPRDSB support staff to provide more information regarding FASD in our schools. One of the challenges faced is the current mindset of FASD held by teachers and support staff.

D. Beardmore provided a hand-out which demonstrated the overlapping behavioural characteristics and related mental health diagnoses in children. He also explained to the Committee what techniques are modelled and how these techniques are implemented with support staff to build self-worth and resilience in students.

Special Education Policy Review

Superintendent A.M. Duncan explained why the Strategic Priorities were not being discussed tonight, deferring to March meeting. The Special Education Leadership team has been reviewing all Special Education policies and administrative regulations. SEAC is an important part of the feedback process for the policy. A.M. Duncan informed SEAC of policy review process.

The Special Education Leadership Team saw this review as an opportunity to enshrine more of our values into policy.

Superintendent A.M. Duncan reviewed and explained the draft policy with members of the Committee and received feedback.

This Policy will be going to March Program Review Committee for approval after feedback is incorporated from SEAC.

Administrative Update

The Special Education Department, specifically the Instructional Leadership Consultants and System Principals – Special Education have been part of the Intensive Math Support School program. We have 11 schools involved in the program. These schools are chosen based on their EQAO scores and demographics at their schools. Schools that require extra math coaches, receive a half day math coach and access to extra Professional Development Days.

Superintendent A.M. Duncan is a member of the Workplace Violence Subcommittee of the Occupational Health and Safety Committee. The unions (ETFO, CUPE, OSSTF) work with management on pro-active strategies to be put in place to prevent workplace violence. Currently, the group reviews reports and how we are supporting our employees to keep them safe.

The Special Education central staff are providing training for Special Education Support Staff and Designated Early Childhood Educators (DECE) on strike days. Topics include: Safe Talk, trauma in our schools, executive functioning, managing anxiety, FASD, SEA training, self-regulation, personal well-being, and promoting positive behaviour. The sessions are very practical and have been very well received. Should job action continue, support staff will have worked through all topics.

Association Updates

M. Robinson, Autism Ontario, Peterborough Chapter, presented her report to Committee members. The full report will be emailed to Committee.

She noted they held a successful Board Game night at the Boardwalk Lounge on George Street.

Upcoming events include:

- February 11, 2020 Kids Playland Indoor playground for children under age 8.
- February 13,2020 Autism Spectrum and Women presented by Stephanie Moeser
Peterborough Theatre Guild- 7 pm to 9 pm
- February 17, 2020 Family Day at Control-V Lindsay- 12:30 pm to 4 pm
Virtual Reality Arcade
- February 20, 2020 Family Snow Tubing at Lakeridge Ski Resort, Uxbridge.
- February 22, 2020 Gymnastics, 12:00 pm- Champion Gymnastics
- February 23, 2020 Family Bowling at Lakeview Bowl, 11:30 am.
Register at Eventbrite Autism Ontario, Peterborough
- February 25, 2020 Family Night at Five Counties- 6 pm to 7:30 pm
- February 26 to March 4, 2020- 4 Wednesdays- Siblings Workshop
7:00-8:15 p.m. (no session on March break).
Location: Westdale United Church

February 18, 2020 Register at Eventbrite Autism Ontario, Peterborough
Occupational Therapy and SLP Workshop
In Partnership with Five Counties.
Two sessions- 12 to 1:30 or 3 to 4:30

March 12, 2020 Pete's Night- Peterborough Memorial Centre

A discussion was held, and questions of clarification were addressed.

The following associations provided verbal reports that included updates on upcoming meetings, in-services, projects and various events:

- Alternative Community Program Services Incorporated
- Ontario Association of Families of Children with Communication Disorders
- Development Services Ontario
- Community Living
- Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Peterborough
- First Nations

Future Topics

March 3, 2020 – Ontario Human Rights Commission (OHRC) – Policy on Educating Students with Disabilities – Part 2

April 7, 2020 – Trauma Informed Schools

May 6, 2020 – Budget, Special Education Plan

May 28, 2020 – Compassion Fatigue

Future Meeting Dates

The next meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee will be held in Room 158 at the Education Centre, 1994 Fisher Drive, Peterborough, at 3:30 p.m. on March 3, 2020.

Adjournment

MOVED BY W. Johansen, SECONDED BY C. Dickson

That the meeting be adjourned (5:30 p.m.).

CARRIED

A. Lloyd
Committee Vice-Chairperson