

KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

DRAFT SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

ATTENDANCE

Present:	Alex Cranfield	Five Counties Children’s Centre (Committee Chairperson)
	Toni Hill	Development Services Ontario
	Marilyn Robinson	Autism Ontario – Peterborough Chapter
	Wendy Johansen	Ontario Association of Families of Children with Communication Disorders
Regrets:	Angela Lloyd	Trustee (Committee Vice-chairperson)
	Jaine Klassen Jeninga	Trustee (Alternate)
	Cyndi Dickson	Trustee
Absent:	Kim Carson	Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Peterborough
	Debra Toth	Alternatives Community Program Services Incorporated
	Alison Rodriguez	Community Living Peterborough
	April Smoke	First Nations
	Kathy Traynor	Down Syndrome Association of Peterborough
	Aileen Fletcher	OSSTF
	Lloyd Schoenmaker	System Principal, Special Education
	Jennifer Massie	System Principal, Special Education

Also Present: A.M. Duncan, A. Hunt-Schmoll, C. Filip, N. Corkery and E. O’Neill.

Land Acknowledgement

Committee Chairperson A. Cranfield called the meeting to order at 3:36 p.m. It was recognized and acknowledged that the Committee was meeting on the traditional territory of the Mississauga First Nations. A. Cranfield also welcomed Natalie Corkery, who is visiting to observe a SEAC meeting and how the Committee works within the Board.

As there was not a majority of members present, quorum was not met, and all motions were deferred to the April meeting.

Adoption of Agenda

Deferred to the April meeting.

Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Nil.

Adoption of Minutes

Deferred to the April meeting.

Board Report

Trustee A. Lloyd was not in attendance to update the committee on events and initiatives being undertaken by the Board.

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

Superintendent, A. M. Duncan provided an overview of Part Two of the OHRC - Policy on Educating Students with Disabilities, released in March 2018. The policy is designed to help education providers recognize and fulfill their obligations under the Human Rights Code, to design their facilities, policies and procedures more inclusively, respond appropriately and in a timely way to accommodation requests, and effectively address complaints related to a disability. The policy can also help students and their families understand their rights and responsibilities under the code, clarify what it means to take part appropriately in the accommodation process, and know where to find further resources. Ongoing barriers, legal framework, types of disabilities and forms of discrimination were discussed with the committee.

Superintendent, A.M. Duncan's presentation focused on accommodating student needs. We have a duty to accommodate and a duty to design our inclusivity, promoting integration and full participation. Accommodation does not mean lowering academic requirements required to be eligible for admission, pass a class or course, or graduate from a program. A.M. Duncan will present Part 3, Undue Hardship, at an upcoming meeting.

Strategic Priorities Review

Superintendent, A.M. Duncan deferred this item to the April 7, 2020 meeting to enable members not in attendance an opportunity to provide feedback.

Administrative Update

Superintendent, A.M. Duncan informed the committee of the mandate to review the Special Education Plan and what that mandate entails. A.M. Duncan invited the committee to review the standards and asked that time be allotted during upcoming SEAC meetings to discuss the standards and receive feedback.

At the upcoming June departmental meeting, the Special Education department will review our achievements of this past school year, explore how to build on our achievements and outline what our focus will be for the upcoming school year.

A.M. Duncan stated the budget process has begun and we do not expect the Grant for Student Needs Funding (GSN) information until April. The Board enrolment is projected to increase by 500 students next year. The Board is hopeful to receive math funding; however, the amount is currently unknown. The Special Incident Portion (SIP) claims have been filed and the Board should receive confirmation in a month.

A.M. Duncan will be presenting at a Parent Involvement Committee meeting, speaking about Tier 1 Support and the roles of the Special Education Department and SEAC within our Board.

Association Updates

Autism Ontario – Peterborough Chapter

Representative M. Robinson presented her report to Committee members. The full report will be emailed to Committee.

Our upcoming events are:

February 26 to March 28, 2020 – 4 Wednesdays- Siblings Workshop Ages 7-12

March 12, 2020 Pete's Night- Peterborough Memorial Centre, 7pm, \$3

March 16- Kinark Outdoor Centre Family Day 2 to 4 pm

March 17- March Break Movie- "Onward" 11:30 am, \$3

March 18- Kids Playland Indoor playground – 4:30 to 6 pm -Children under age 8

March 19th- Rock Climbing, 10 to 12 am

March 20- Laser tag at Zap Attack, 10 to 12 am

We are offering an Improv class led by Linda Kash for 4 weeks starting March 23rd

Raise the Flag registration is open. The date is Thursday, April 2, 2020. Register by March 9th. To register please visit www.raisetheflagforautism.com

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

- Development Services Ontario
- Five Counties Children's Centre

Future Topics

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 April 7, 2020.

Adjournment

The meeting be adjourned (5:30 p.m.).
Deferred to the April meeting.

A. Cranfield
Committee Chairperson