

KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

DRAFT SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 3:30 p.m.
Via WebEx Video Conference

ATTENDANCE

Present:	Alex Cranfield	Five Counties Children's Centre (Committee Chairperson)
	Marilyn Robinson	Autism Ontario – Peterborough Chapter
	Wendy Johansen	Ontario Association of Families of Children with Communication Disorders
	Angela Lloyd	Trustee (Committee Vice-chairperson)
	Cyndi Dickson	Trustee
	Jaine Klassen Jeninga	Trustee (Alternate)
	Kim Carson	Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Peterborough
	Debra Toth	Alternatives Community Program Services Incorporated
	Alison Rodriguez	Community Living Peterborough
	Kathy Traynor	Down Syndrome Association of Peterborough
Regrets:	April Smoke	First Nations
	Toni Hill	Development Services Ontario
Also Present:	A.M. Duncan, A. Hunt-Schmoll, C. Filip, L. Schoenmaker, J. Massie, A. Fletcher, K. Koster-Lilley, D. Swift and E. O'Neill.	

In light of the current health advisory and public health measures in place provincially, the meeting was held virtually using WebEx.

Land Acknowledgement

Committee Chairperson A. Cranfield called the meeting to order at 3:33 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 W. Johansen, SECONDED BY C. Dickson
That the agenda be adopted as printed.**

CARRIED

Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Nil.

Adoption of Minutes

MOVED BY W. Johansen, SECONDED BY J. Klassen Jeninga
That the Minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday, May 28, 2020, be adopted as with the following amendment:

- **Under Also Present: remove A. Fletcher**

CARRIED

Board Report

Trustees C. Dickson and A. Lloyd updated the Committee on events and initiatives being undertaken by the Board. Staff members are providing students and families assistance and resources to ensure that everyone is receiving what they need to continue distance learning. Families have reached out to local food banks and boxes of food are being sent to families where necessary. Graduates are being acknowledged in many ways across the Board from graduate parades to graduate signs on their lawns. We are still waiting to receive GSN information from the Ministry for our budget process. Trustee A. Lloyd announced the retirement of Superintendent Peter Mangold. The Board started the Long-Term Accommodation Plan review.

Compassion Fatigue; Self-Awareness and Self-Care

Superintendent Duncan introduced D. Swift and K. Koster-Lilley. They have developed four (4) modules with respect to Compassion Fatigue for KPR staff. These two staff members have been doing an incredible job looking after everyone throughout this pandemic.

Deanna Swift, Executive Officer, Professional Services, and Kristine Koster-Lilley, Manager of Professional Services, Chief Social Worker, presented highlights from the professional development modules related to Compassion Fatigue and reviewed how KPR has embraced these sessions in an attempt to support staff wellness. Background information and research was provided. The helping field has begun to recognize that a very high percentage of workers are profoundly affected by the work they do. Our primary task as helpers in the educational system is to meet the physical and emotional needs of our students and school communities. Although very rewarding, the very nature of our work is really what makes us vulnerable to compassion fatigue. K. Koster-Lilley explained the potential behavioural, physical, and psychological effects of compassion fatigue, as well as why this professional development is so important for our staff. Currently, compassion fatigue modules are available to all employees through a series of 4 videos that include information and skill development related to compassion fatigue awareness, self-care, the importance of work/life balance, and the importance of a healthy social support system. We hope that staff will continue to utilize these modules to focus on their own personal wellness, and we are actively promoting them during distance learning.

Special Education Budget Overview

Superintendent Duncan informed the Committee that we have not received the GSNs from the Ministry and it would be premature to present options for the budget without this information. A.M. Duncan is hopeful that the information will be available at the June 16, 2020 meeting.

Administrative Update

Superintendent A.M. Duncan announced that Lloyd Schoenmaker is retiring after 31 years with our Board and with the last four (4) in the Special Education Department. L. Schoenmaker has a deep passion for education and ensuring students have the best education experience possible. Many Committee members expressed their appreciation and acknowledged L. Schoenmaker's contributions to our Board and our students.

Superintendent Duncan informed the Committee that reports cards will be deployed in June 2020 and explained the mark criteria from the Ministry. Specific wording regarding distance learning and IEP comments has been distributed for teachers to use in the report card or the addendum report card.

The Ministry is providing guidelines and funding for summer school. Once all the funding has been put in place and reviewed, we can determine which supports can be initiated and how to move forward.

The Ministry also provided the Special Education Department with an expectations memo. We have completed a gap analysis and we are doing very well. The memo spoke to cross collaboration in the classroom and ensuring the EAs are part of the on-line learning experience. The distance learning experience has provided us with an opportunity to provide professional development to many staff members and has showcased how well departments work together to ensure student success.

Superintendent Duncan also shared that a message from Director Leclerc would be going to staff and parents reminding everyone of the resources available for students on the board website. In addition to those under the Covid 19 pages, the Special Education Department webpages lists all external partner agencies for parents.

Questions of clarification posed by committee members were addressed by the Superintendent.

Association Updates

All Agencies in attendance provided verbal reports with information on how they are offering services to clients during these challenging times.

Future Topics

- June 16, 2020 - Special Education Plan
- Special Education Budget

Future Meeting Dates

The next meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee will be held in Via WebEx Video Conference, at 3:30 p.m. on June 16, 2020.

Future Meeting Dates 2020 – 2021

Tuesday, September 15, 2020
Tuesday, October 6, 2020
Tuesday, November 3, 2020
Tuesday, January 5, 2021
Tuesday, February 2, 2021
Tuesday, March 2, 2021
Tuesday, April 6, 2021
Tuesday, May 4, 2021
Tuesday, June 1, 2021
Tuesday, June 15, 2021

Adjournment

MOVED BY A. Lloyd, SECONDED BY W. Johansen

That the meeting be adjourned (4:58 p.m.).

CARRIED

A. Cranfield
Committee Chairperson