

SUBJECT TO COMMITTEE APPROVAL

KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

DRAFT SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at 3:30 p.m.
Room 158, Education Centre, Peterborough ON

ATTENDANCE

Present: A. Cranfield Five Counties Children's Centre
(Committee Vice-chairperson)
J. Klassen Trustee (Alternate)
Jeninga
T. Hill Development Services Ontario
W. Johansen Ontario Association of Families of Children with
Communication Disorders
S. Patterson Trustee
A. Rodriguez Community Living Peterborough
D. Toth Alternative Community Program Services Incorporated
K. Traynor Down Syndrome Association of Peterborough

Regrets: K. Dupuis First Nations
A. Lloyd Trustee (Committee Chairperson)
K. Carson Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Peterborough
M. Robinson Autism Ontario – Peterborough Chapter

Also Present: A.M. Duncan, A. Hunt-Schmoll, J. Massie, A. Smoke, C. Tozer and
J. Nahrgang.

Land Acknowledgement

A. Cranfield, Committee Vice-chairperson, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. and welcomed members and guests to the meeting. It was recognized and acknowledged that the Committee was meeting on the traditional territory of the Mississauga First Nations.

Adoption of Agenda

**MOVED BY J. Klassen Jeninga, SECONDED BY S. Patterson
That the agenda be adopted as printed.**

CARRIED

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Nil.

Adoption of Minutes

**MOVED BY K. Traynor, SECONDED BY T. Hill
That the Minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday, October 1, 2019, be adopted
as recorded.**

CARRIED

Board Report

Trustee J. Klassen Jeninga updated the committee on events and initiatives being undertaken by the Board.

Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) Results

C. Tozer, Data, Research and Accountability Lead, provided an overview of the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) assessments as noted below:

- Grade 3 and 6 assessment results of reading, writing and mathematics, for testing that took place during the spring of 2019,
- the EQAO Grade 9 assessment results of mathematics, for testing that took place in January (semester one) and June (semester two) 2019,
- an overview of the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) results for testing that took place in March 2019.

Detailed results were shared on both the elementary and secondary testing as compared to the province averages, as well as Board results in all subject areas over time. There have been no significant decreases in assessment results in the last four years, although some scores are below the provincial average. As a Board, our students with special needs are performing substantially better than the province. KPR continues to work on increasing our students' success and recognizes there are still gaps to be addressed. Questions of clarification were addressed. A discussion was held regarding such issues as accommodations allowed in EQAO testing, addressing the decrease in Mathematics assessment results between Grade 3 and Grade 6, and applied versus academic programs.

Service Animals in Schools Administrative Regulation

A. M. Duncan, Superintendent, Student Achievement, reported that the Ministry of Education has released Policy/Program Memorandum (PPM) 163: School Board Policies on Service Animals, which mandates all school boards have a policy on Service Animals in place by January 1, 2020. KPR is compliant as there is a Service Animal Protocol in place, which was used to develop the regulation. The KPR regulation is unique, as it deals with both students and employees. Currently there are four active service dogs throughout the Board. Highlights of the regulation were reviewed with the committee members including:

- No non-accredited dogs in training (no Puppies) allowed.
- No therapy dogs that have not been deemed a "service dog".
- All animals must be adults – a veterinarian must certify
- Owners of service dogs must have \$2 million in liability insurance.
- There will be a clause for visiting dogs, including a process for the principal to follow.
- Final approval of a service dog is at the discretion of the Superintendent of Special Education.
- Provision made that financial hardship cannot be a hindrance.

- The Special Education department will collect data on requests received, approved, denied and rationale, and types of animals.

A further review of the regulation will be provided to the committee once it has been approved by the Board.

Committee Membership – First Nations

A. Cranfield, Committee Vice-chairperson, reported that correspondence has been received from Nancy Marsden-Fox, Education Manager, Alderville First Nation, nominating April Smoke as their representative to SEAC, replacing current representative Kailee Dupuis, who has resigned. Recommendations were adopted that the resignation be received with regret, and the appointment be approved.

MOVED BY W. Johansen, SECONDED BY S. Patterson

That the resignation of Kailee Dupuis, representative to the Special Education Advisory Committee for First Nations, be accepted with regret and sincere appreciation for her advocacy and support of students with special needs.

CARRIED

MOVED BY J. Klassen Jeninga, SECONDED BY T. Hill

That April Smoke be appointed representative to the Special Education Advisory Committee for First Nations, for the balance of the current four year term ending in 2022.

CARRIED

Administrative Update

A. M. Duncan introduced and welcomed April Smoke, the new First Nations representative to SEAC. Future agenda items were reviewed including a presentation of the Special Education Logic Model. The committee heard that Student Incidence Portion (SIP) claims will be submitted to the Ministry in December 2019. The estimated value of claims to be submitted is \$6.4 million, with the actual approved funding being confirmed in the spring of 2020.

Association Updates

Community Living Peterborough

Representative A. Rodriguez

Programs and/or Service Updates:

- FASD Parent/Caregiver Group
Open to parents and caregivers of someone with FASD diagnosed or suspected.
Future meeting dates:
November 12, 2019
January 14, 2020

March 10, 2020

May 12, 2020.

For more information or to RSVP contact:

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- Adapted Bike and Recreation Show at Five Counties Children's Centre
Thursday, November 14, 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Questions – Contact Marika Beaumont 705-748-2221 or
Lynn Wozak 705-743-2412 ext. 517
- Partners for Planning - Intro to the Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP)
<http://www.planningnetwork.ca/en-ca/Events/28054/Introduction-to-the-Registered-Disability-Savings-Plan-RDSP>
- Partners for Planning – Understanding Your Legal Rights
<http://www.planningnetwork.ca/en-ca/Events/28127/Understanding-Your-Legal-Rights>
- Partners for Planning – Building a Foundation for Supportive Relationships
<http://www.planningnetwork.ca/en-ca/Events/27451/Building-a-Foundation-for-Supportive-Relationships>

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

- Down Syndrome Association of Peterborough
- Five Counties Children's Centre
- First Nations
- Ontario Association of Families of Children with Communication Disorders

Future Topics

- Trauma-informed Schools
- Executive Functioning Skills
- Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorder (FASD)
- Language and Behaviour
- Role of the Special Education Resource Teacher (SERT)
- Individual Education Plans (IEPs)
- Restorative Circles
- 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 January 7, 2020.

Adjournment

MOVED BY W. Johansen, SECONDED BY K. Traynor
That the meeting be adjourned (5:20 p.m.).

CARRIED

Jaine Klassen Jeninga
Trustee

Alex Cranfield
Committee Vice-Chairperson