

KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

DRAFT SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at 3:30 p.m.
Room 158, Education Centre, Peterborough ON

ATTENDANCE

Present: A. Lloyd Trustee (Committee Chairperson)
A. Cranfield Five Counties Children's Centre
(Committee Vice-chairperson)
J. Klassen Trustee (Alternate)
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K. Carson Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Peterborough
T. Hill Development Services Ontario
W. Johansen Ontario Association of Families of Children with
Communication Disorders
S. Patterson Trustee
M. Robinson Autism Ontario – Peterborough Chapter
D. Toth Alternative Community Program Services Incorporated
K. Traynor Down Syndrome Association of Peterborough

Regrets: K. Dupuis First Nations

Absent: A. Rodriguez Community Living Peterborough

Also Present: A.M. Duncan, L. Schoenmaker, A. Hunt-Schmoll, E. Leonard,
J. Reid and J. Nahrgang.

Land Acknowledgement

Trustee A. Lloyd, Committee 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 M. Robinson, SECONDED BY K. Traynor
That the agenda be adopted as printed.

CARRIED

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Nil.

Adoption of Minutes

MOVED BY M. Robinson, SECONDED BY S. Patterson
That the Minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday, September 10, 2019, be
adopted as recorded.

CARRIED

Board Report

Trustees updated the committee on the success of summer school programs that were offered this year, including a pilot program open to all Grade 8 students transitioning into Grade 9, and eLearning summer courses in English, Business, Civics and Careers.

The committee members were advised that beginning September 2019, Board meetings have been changed from Thursday nights, to Tuesday nights.

Autism Ontario – Peterborough Chapter – New Position

J. Reid, Service Navigator, Autism Ontario – Peterborough Chapter, provided an overview of the new Ontario Autism Program, highlighting the assistance available to help families navigate through the program. Autism Ontario offers support to all families interested in accessing the Ontario Autism Program (OAP), currently registered in the program and waiting for a Childhood Budget, as well as families currently receiving services. Workshops, training sessions and individual direct support are available to families to assist with finding service providers and resources available in their local communities.

Eligible expenses that can be claimed are:

- Evidence Based Behavioural Services
- Additional Autism Services and Supports
- Other Therapies and Specialized Services
- Respite
- Family Service Planning and Support
- Travel
- Technology
- Equipment and Materials Related to Eligible Services and Supports

J. Reid noted this year funding will go directly to families, providing the option to manage their Childhood Budget funds themselves or have a service provider or agency manage the funds on their behalf. Committee members received a detailed review of eligible expenses and the claim process. The next phase of the program will focus more on the details of managing Childhood Budgets and reconciling funds.

Special Education Plan - Review

The Committee members agreed to defer this item to the next Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) meeting.

Selection of Future Learning Topics

L. Schoenmaker, Principal of Special Education, provided the committee with the following list of potential topics for future SEAC presentations:

- Individual Education Plans (IEP's)
- Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)
- Role of the Special Education Teacher (SERT)

- Language and Behaviour
- Executive Functioning Skills
- Trauma-informed Schools
- Restorative Circles
- Compassion Fatigue

Committee members reviewed the selections and will provide feedback to determine which topics will be included in future presentations.

Introduction to the Ontario Human Rights Commission – Policy on Educating Students with Disabilities

A. M. Duncan, Superintendent of Education, provided part one of an overview of the Ontario Human Rights Commission - Policy on Educating Students with Disabilities, released in March 2018. The policy is designed to help education providers recognize and fulfil 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 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.

Administrative Updates

A. M. Duncan advised that Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) results will be presented to the committee at the next SEAC meeting.

Association Updates

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

- Alternative Community Program Services Incorporated
- Autism Ontario – Peterborough Chapter
- Down Syndrome Association of Peterborough
- Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Peterborough
- Five Counties Children’s Centre
- Ontario Association of Families of Children with Communication Disorders

Future Topics

- EQAO Results
- To Be Determined (TBD)

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 November 5, 2019.

Adjournment

MOVED BY K. Traynor, SECONDED BY S. Patterson

That the meeting be adjourned (5:10 p.m.).

CARRIED

Angela Lloyd
Committee Chairperson