

KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, September 10, 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)
Jeninga
S. Patterson Trustee
T. Hill Development Services Ontario
M. Robinson Autism Ontario – Peterborough Chapter
A. Rodriguez Community Living Peterborough
D. Toth Alternative Community Program Services Incorporated

Regrets: K. Dupuis First Nations
W. Johansen Ontario Association of Families of Children with
Communication Disorders
K. Traynor Down Syndrome Association of Peterborough

Absent: K. Carson Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Peterborough

Also Present: A.M. Duncan, C. Filip, A. Fletcher, A. Hunt-Schmoll, J. Massie,
L. Schoenmaker and J. Nahrgang.

Land Acknowledgement

Trustee A. Lloyd, Committee Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 3:33 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 A. Cranfield
That the agenda be adopted as printed.**

CARRIED

Adoption of Minutes

**MOVED BY M. Robinson, SECONDED BY A. Cranfield
That the Minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday, May 28, 2019, be adopted as
recorded.**

CARRIED

Board Report

Trustees updated the committee on events and initiatives being undertaken by the Board. Trustee S. Patterson reported on renovations and classroom updates completed over the summer, and the enthusiasm and appreciation staff and students have expressed for the updates to their schools.

Trustee A. Lloyd updated the committee on the extensive renovations that have been undertaken to the Kirby Centennial Public School site to create a space for administrative meetings and professional development sessions. The success of the various Special Education learning opportunities that were offered over the summer was also highlighted.

Trustee J. Klassen Jeninga reported that Trustees participated in Strategic Planning with Senior Administration in August and many good ideas were shared. Trustees are busy with the start of school receiving many emails and attending open houses. Attention was drawn to the importance of Orange Shirt Day on September 30, 2019, which is held each year across the country to recognize the experiences of survivors of residential schools.

Special Education Budget Overview

A. M. Duncan, Superintendent of Student Achievement, provided committee members with an overview of the special education department budget with a focus on the structure of staffing. Current staffing positions and changes that were implemented were reviewed, noting that all staff that were displaced have been reassigned to a new position. Schools have been provided with the frontline staff and support needed, which provided a smooth start to the school year.

Special Education Plan for Ministry - Review

A. M. Duncan reported that all school boards are required to maintain a Special Education Plan, to review it annually, to revise it to reflect any changes in Special Education in the Board, and then to submit the plan to the Ministry of Education.

The Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board's Special Education Plan consists of 20 standards and is accessible to the public on the Board website. As a part of its annual review, Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) members were invited to review the standards and provide suggestions, questions or concerns at any time.

Attention was drawn to the Staff Development Standard that includes a Special Education Professional Development Plan which has been distributed to all schools. Also noted, was the Special Education Parent Guide Standard, which has a new Resources section. This has been updated in the Resources page of the Board's Special Education website. Finally, SEAC was shown the revised Assessments Standard, which provides a fulsome explanation of classroom assessment and evaluation as a precursor to our more specialized assessments by our professional staff.

Committee Membership – Down Syndrome Association of Peterborough

Trustee A. Lloyd, Committee Chairperson, reported that correspondence has been received from the Down Syndrome Association of Peterborough, nominating Kathy Traynor as their representative to SEAC, replacing current representative Deb Reid, who has retired. Recommendations were adopted that the resignation be received with regret, and the appointment be approved.

MOVED BY A. Cranfield, SECONDED BY D. Toth

That the resignation of Deb Reid, representative to the Special Education Advisory Committee for the Down Syndrome Association of Peterborough, be accepted with regret and sincere appreciation for her advocacy and support of students with special needs.

CARRIED

MOVED BY D. Toth, SECONDED BY A. Cranfield

That Kathy Traynor be appointed representative to the Special Education Advisory Committee for the Down Syndrome Association of Peterborough, for the balance of the current four year term ending in 2022.

CARRIED

Trustee A. Lloyd introduced Andrea Hunt-Schmoll, the new Principal Representative for the Special Education Advisory Committee and welcomed her to the committee.

Association Updates

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

- Alternative Community Program Services Incorporated
- Autism Ontario – Peterborough Chapter
- Development Services of Ontario
- Five Counties Children’s Centre

Future Topics

- To be determined at the next Special Education Advisory Committee meeting via survey to members.

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 October 1, 2019.

Adjournment

MOVED BY S. Patterson, SECONDED BY A. Rodriguez
That the meeting be adjourned (4:25 p.m.).

CARRIED

Angela Lloyd
Committee Chairperson