



**TRILLIUM LAKELANDS DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes**

Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2015
Time: 5pm
Location: Video Conference

Members Present: A. Brown, J. Balfour, S. Burke, D. Callan, A. Gordon,
J. Hermer, D. Morrison, K. Round, R. Vernescu

Regrets: L. Burgess, L. Morin, J. Read

Staff Present: J. Andreasen, K. Cutler, C. Roffe, H. Truscott, D. Lyons

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved by K. Round, seconded by A. Brown
That the agenda be approved as presented
Carried.

2. Approval of Minutes of March 4, 2015

Moved by K. Round, seconded by D. Morrison
That the minutes from the March 4, 2015 SEAC meeting be approved as presented
Carried.

3. Updates

Superintendent Kevin Cutler provided the following updates to SEAC regarding Board, staff and department initiatives:

- Special Education Plan:
 - Last year a full review was completed, with SEAC input
 - For this year, the Plan only needs some updates
 - Will do a review of section 10 of the Special Education Plan (Categories of Exceptionalities, System Classes) in partnership with the Special Education Advisory Team and SEAC
 - SEAC always welcome to provide input in relation to Special Education Plan- for those who would like to review it, it can be accessed at <http://tldsb.ca/programs/special-education/>
- Special Needs Strategy:
 - The lead agencies for Coordinated Services Planning have been identified:
 - Five Counties (Peterborough/Kawartha Lakes/Halliburton)
 - One Kids Place (Nipissing/Parry Sound/Muskoka)
 - Both Area Steering Committees have been offering feedback sessions for parents and agencies
 - Plan is due in June for Coordinated Services Planning
 - Plan is due in September for Integrated Rehabilitation Services

- Provincial SEAC Conference (MACSE):
 - Occurring on May 2, 2015 in Toronto
 - The conference is being hosted by the Minister's Advisory Council on Special Education (MACSE)
 - The following SEAC members have committed to attend:
 - Janice Balfour (SEAC Chair)
 - Kevin Cutler (Superintendent)
 - David Morrison (Trustee)
 - Leslie Burgess (Existing Member)
- Provincial Funding:
 - TLDSB is in the process of reviewing funding, staffing and budgets for 2015-2016
 - SEAC will be given opportunity to provide feedback into the budget and staffing
 - Superintendent of Business Bob Kaye is willing to attend SEAC in June and share an explanation of the Ministry of Education Budget changes

4. *Presentation: Feed All Four (Manager of Mental Health and Student Well Being Cheryl Roffe, Consultants Heather Truscott and Dave Lyons)*

Feed All Four aligns wellness and achievement as complementary to one another and focuses on the *Whole Child* and *Whole Person*.

Feed All Four is not meant to be an additional initiative, but rather a 'way of being' and an awareness/ promotion of how staff and students ensure they are supporting wellness in mind, body, spirit and emotions in everything they are already doing.

The big picture goal is to create a culture of wellness in all of our schools; currently the team is working on awareness of the 'what/ why' of Feed All Four and is working toward rolling out the 'how/ when'.

Everyone should always be in the mindset of: '*have I fed my four today?*'

Resources

www.puzzlepeace.ca

#feedallfour

#TLDSBlearns

#puzzlepeace

#tldsbpuzzlepeace

#healthyTLDSB

5. Discussion: Special Education Plan Review
(Superintendent Kevin Cutler)

- Addressed in Update Section
- SEAC to look at section 10 in preparation for the May meeting

6. Initiative Updates:

- SEAC Communications- Website
 - SEAC page is in development on the tldsb.ca website
 - Will include:
 - Overview of SEAC;
 - Minutes;
 - Highlights of Meetings;
 - Links to community partners.
 - The Communications Department is working on site development

7. Association and Community News

- No updates shared from Members

8. Items for Discussion/ Consideration for Action

- Trustee Round recommended that TLDSB consider:
 - Compiling historical data regarding Special Education Funding in TLDSB
 - SEAC writing a letter to the Ministry voicing funding concerns
 - SEAC lobbying OPSBA and other SEACs to do the same
- SEAC Member Roxana Vernescu suggested:
 - Explore what kind of data TLDSB has access to and what it means

ACTION ITEMS

ACTION: SEAC put forward a request that Superintendent Cutler to compile data for consideration at May 2015 SEAC meeting as follows:

- Numbers of IEPs;
- Number of students identified;
- Categories of Exceptionalities;
- Historical Data;
- Geographic considerations & areas;

ACTION: Special Education Plan

- Prepare section 10 suggested changes in preparation for the next meeting

9. Correspondence

- cc letter from GEDSB to MOE re: Hiring Practices
 - No response required; SEAC received the correspondence for information
- cc letter from UGDSB to MOE re: Special Education Courses for OCT
 - No response required; SEAC received the correspondence for information
- cc letter from UGDSB from MOE re: Special Education Plan
 - No response required; SEAC received the correspondence for information

10. Future Business

- Update on Collaborative and Proactive Solutions: CaPS (May- District Principal Katherine MacIver)
- SEAC Schedules for 2015-2016 (May)
- June Dinner Location Determination (May)
- SEAC MACSE Conference Report from Attendees (May)
- Budget Input & Presentation by Superintendent Kaye (June)
- Community Hub Tables
- Autism Spectrum Disorder Programs/ Initiatives
- Department Vision and Mission Updates/ Input
- Presentation on FASD (Fall- SEAC Member R. Vernescu)
- Adult Education Review (Fall)

11. Next Meeting – New SEAC

Tuesday, May 5, 2015
5pm via Video Conference

12. Adjournment

Moved by K. Round
That the meeting be adjourned
Carried.