



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

Date: Tuesday, October 4, 2016
Time: 5pm
Location: HCEC Dinner Meeting

Members Present: J. Balfour, Trustee S. Binstock, A. Brown, L. Burgess, R. McHugh,
Trustee D. Morrison J. Read

Regrets: D. Callan, A. Gordon

Staff Present: J. Andreasen, L. Hope, J. Johnston, K. MacIver

1. *Approval of Agenda*

Moved by A. Brown, seconded by Trustee D. Morrison
That the agenda be approved as presented
Carried.

2. *Approval of Minutes of September 6, 2016*

Moved by L. Burgess, Seconded by J. Read
That minutes from the September 6, 2016 SEAC meeting approved as amended
Carried.

3. *Department and System Updates*

Superintendent Katherine MacIver shared the following updates with SEAC:

- Department focus for 2016-2017 is fostering a deeper understanding and practice in developing responsive IEPs and programming

District Principal Jennifer Johnston shared the following with SEAC:

- Staffing changes in the department of Specialized Services include:
 - Arinola Akinbobola was hired into the temporary SSAC position in the Lindsay area
 - Based on funding from Ministry of Education, the Department of Specialized Services will be adding a Special Education Consultant to our staff. The position will be funded by the Ministry of Education Autism Strategy funds. The new consultant will be able to further support schools and the existing Behaviour and Autism Consultants will be able to dedicate more time to the support for students with ASD and to staff development in relation to ABA.

4. Presentation: TLDSB Strategic Plan 2016-2021- 'Embrace Learning' (Director Hope)

- Director Hope shared the TLDSB 2016-2021 Strategic Plan (titled *Embrace Learning*) and the 2016-2017 Strategic Action Plan:
 - 3 main areas of focus:
 - Innovation and collaboration for all
 - Supporting the well-being of all
 - Valuing the strength of everyone's voice
 - Focus on knowing the student and the student needs
 - Supporting the well-being of all- students, staff and communities
 - Alignment between departments
 - ACTION:
 - All share strategic action plan with broader community
 - Share 'At a glance' information with broader community

5. Presentation: EQAO Results for Students with Special Needs 2015-2016 (Superintendent Maclver)

- Superintendent Maclver shared TLDSB's EQAO Results for 2015-2016
 - EQAO testing in 2015-2016
 - Grade 3 & 6 assessments were written in spring 2016
 - High school students wrote the OSSLT
 - Grade 9 students did not write the math assessment
 - TLDSB students overall performed lower than the province and below TLDSB's historical standard
 - Students do not need a formal identification to access accommodations to write EQAO
 - Considerations for TLDSB:
 - how do we move students achieving at level 2 to level 3/ 4?
 - how are we targeting to and teaching to gaps to close them?
 - explore access to and impact of technology
 - what are the assessment and instructional strategies being used in the curriculum? are they effective? is there balance? are we allowing for independent practice?
 - Focus for TLDSB moving forward:
 - focus on monitoring results by Superintendents & Principals
 - reassignment of elementary Instructional Leads to support schools showing significant decline
 - school plans to focus on adjusting teaching practice to address students not reaching targets
 - professional learning to support students with LD; especially in junior & secondary
 - ACTION: Compare how TLDSB identifies students with special needs for EQAO compared to the province

6. *Items for Discussion*

- SEAC Letter to MOE re: Funding
 - Director Hope shared that the Ministry of Education has reconvened the Special Education Funding Working Group
 - By consensus SEAC determined that a letter to the Ministry regarding Special Education Funding is not required at this time until further information about the new funding strategy is released

7. *Association and Community News*

Rose McHugh, SEAC representative for Community Living Kawartha Lakes shared the following:

- Community Living Kawartha Lakes and Community Living Haliburton have amalgamated and now will be called Community Living Central Highlands

Janice Balfour, SEAC representative for LDAP shared:

- The Children's Services Council received OTF grants to develop FASD supports in the community including training opportunities and growing community capacity in supporting individuals with FASD

Jamie Read, SEAC representative for Autism Ontario advised SEAC:

- The Autism Ontario website is being updated
- October is Autism Awareness Month in Ontario

8. *Correspondence*

- There was no correspondence for consideration

9. *Future Business*

DATE	PRESENTATION (Lead)	PROJECTS/ OTHER (Lead)
Nov 1	Special Equipment for Learning (J. Johnston)	Proposed Changes to 15 & 17 of Spec Ed Plan (Jennifer Johnston)
	Strategic Action Plan Review (K. Maclver)	
Dec 6	Teleconference- Updates Only	
Jan 9	CPS – Collaborative and Proactive Solutions (Shannon McKinley- TBC)	Parent Survey Development (Janice Balfour)
Feb 7	Transitions – TLDSB & Community (S. Mortimer, A. Brown, A. Gordon)	Parent Survey Development (Janice Balfour)
Mar 7	Integra Young Warriors (Traci Hubbert- TBC)	Parent Survey Finalize (Janice Balfour)
April 4	EA PD - Focus on Behaviour (Jason Prichard- TBC)	Review Section 4 Spec Ed Plan (Jennifer Johnston)
May 2	Self-Regulation (Safe & Accepting Committee Member)	Review Section 8 Spec Ed Plan (Jennifer Johnston)
June 6	Budget (Katherine Maclver)	2017-2018 SEAC Schedule SEAC Yearly Expenses (J. Andreasen)

10. *Next Meeting*

Tuesday, November 1, 2016
5pm – Video Conference

11. *Adjournment*

Moved by A. Brown
That the meeting be adjourned
Carried