



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

Date: December 11, 2018
Time: 5pm
Location: Teleconference
Members Present: A. Brown, J. Balfour, Trustee J. Byrne, Trustee D. Morrison, S. O'Hare
Regrets: S. Bullock, J. Andreasen, D. Callan, R. McHugh
Staff Present: J. Johnston, D. Sornberger

Welcome & Introductions

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved by, John Byrne, Seconded by Andrea Brown
That the agenda be approved as presented
Carried.

2. Approval of Minutes of the November 2018 SEAC Meeting

Moved by, David Morrison, Seconded by John Byrne
That the minutes from the November 2018 SEAC meeting be approved as presented
Carried.

3. Department and System Updates

Superintendent David Sornberger shared the following updates with SEAC:

- An IEP placemat framework for programming was developed in TLDSB by Jennifer Johnston, Andrea O'Leary and Matt Beaton. It is a planning tool for teachers to support the development of effective IEPs. This was shared with RSEC and received some excellent uptake by the people in attendance and the Ministry of Education.
- The Board Improvement Plan (BIPSA) has been recently refined. Emphasis is placed on instruction and learning in mathematics and the academic achievement of students with IEPs.

District Principal Jennifer Johnston shared the following updates with SEAC:

- Empower Reading Training took place on November 27, 2018. This is being piloted in 10 schools and the early results are positive.
- A professional learning day was held for elementary and secondary Practical Academics and Life Skills Program teachers on December 7, 2018. The focus for this day was on reading interventions, mathematics instruction and the arts.
- Special Incidence Portion (SIP) applications are currently being prepared to submit to the Ministry of Education. SIP is a significant funding source for us in special education.

4. Updates/ Other Items for Discussion

- New SEAC Membership 2019
 - Telephone interviews were held recently. Trustee John Byrne and Janice Balfour supported the interview process alongside David Sornberger and Jennifer Johnston.
 - We look forward to welcoming our new and returning members at the January meeting:
 - Rose McHugh - Community Living Trent Highlands
 - Stacey Bullock - Community Living Huntsville
 - Stasi O'Hare-Gonthier - Tourette Canada, Muskoka Chapter
 - Nancy Thompson - Five Counties Children's Centre
 - Sarah Gray - Parents for Children's Mental Health, Muskoka
 - Carla O'Neill - Muskoka Family Network
 - Janice Balfour - Community Representative, CKL Area
 - Jeffrey Mann - Community Representative, Muskoka Area
 - Krista Broadbent - Community Representative, CKL Area
 - Trustee - TBD
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- New SEAC Orientation Plans
 - At the January meeting, David will do a presentation to welcome and provide initial orientation for our new SEAC members. Focus will be on role of SEAC, responsibilities of SEAC, structure of meetings, year at a glance, etc. We will also hold an election of the Chair and Vice Chair.

- Trustee John Byrne and Trustee David Morrison shared that they have enjoyed SEAC membership. The Trustee membership on committees is currently being discussed.

5. Association and Community News

- Stasi O'Hare from Tourette Canada, Muskoka Chapter shared that they have welcomed a few new families recently.

6. Correspondence

- cc Letter from UGDSB to MOE re Bill 44
 - For information and future discussion.
 - SEAC would like to learn more about FASD at a future meeting.

7. Future Business

- New SEAC Introductions
- Chair and Vice Chair Nominations
- SEAC Orientation
- IEP Placemat Framework Presentation
- FASD Presentation

8. Next Meeting

Monday, January 7, 2019, 5pm via video conference

9. Adjournment

Moved by Andrea Brown
That the meeting be adjourned
Carried.