



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

Date: November 6, 2018
Time: 5pm
Location: Video Conference
Members Present: J. Balfour, S. Bullock, Trustee J. Byrne, D. Callan, R. McHugh,
Trustee D. Morrison, S. O'Hare,
Regrets: A. Brown
Staff Present: J. Andreasen, J. Johnston, D. Sornberger
Guests: Cheryl Roffe, Senior Manager of Psychological and Speech and
Language Services, Anne Braithwaite, Speech and Language
Pathologist, Brittany Sutey, Communicative Disorders Assistant.

Welcome & Introductions

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved by J. Byrne, Seconded by D. Morrison
That the agenda be approved as presented
Carried.

2. Approval of Minutes of the Oct 2018 SEAC Meeting

Moved by D. Morrison, Seconded by R. McHugh
That the minutes from the October 2018 SEAC meeting be approved as
presented
Carried.

3. Department and System Updates

Superintendent David Sornberger shared the following updates with SEAC:

- TLDSB Principals and Senior Administration visited Niagara DSB a couple of weeks ago to gain insight on how the board is able to maintain consistently good math scores in EQAO. Learnings included:
 - There were clear expectations about school culture and school climate
 - There were high expectations for all
- System and Department focus this year includes:
 - Connecting Feed All Four to curriculum- what does Feed All Four look like in math, literacy and other curriculum subjects?
 - Wellness for all- how are we supporting and promoting this?

- Working together to set high expectations and to support student achievement

District Principal Jennifer Johnston shared the following updates with SEAC:

- Staff Update:
 - Rob Jagosky, PsychoEducational Consultant has resigned and found employment in the private sector
- Professional Learning:
 - EA PA Day on October 26- focussed on ABA training; included a morning keynote by a community partner and afternoon focus groups
 - Upcoming EA PA Days- focus will be on BMS training and presentations from our BIRT Team
- Developing effective and quality IEPs; work this year includes:
 - SEAC IEP Survey
 - Consultant working on IEP 'placemat' to assist with understanding of accommodations vs. modifications;
 - ACTION: Consultants to attend SEAC in the future to discuss placemat.
 - IEP to be viewed as a tool to support closing the gap instead of explaining a gap.
 - Professional Learning with Administrators, SERTs/ Heads Family of Schools Meetings and System Classes.
- Enhancing Workflow:
 - Exploring the CLEVR System (electronic tool) to streamline referrals, assist with workflow and track data.
- Ministry of Education:
 - Special Incidence Portion (SIP) Applications were released on November 5th (funding to assist with Health and Safety Needs of students).
- Principals Advisory Group for EA Allocations
 - Meeting December 4 & 5 to review student needs across the system and assist with decisions for reallocation of Education Assistants (for February EA Allocations).

- Thank you to long serving SEAC Members:
 - Last Face to Face Member of this SEAC Term
 - Darlene Callan (FCCC) and Andrea Brown (community partner) will not be applying to continue on the new SEAC term starting in January 2019; TLDSB is extremely grateful for their many years of service as members of SEAC.

4. Presentation: Speech and Language Services Model in TLDSB (*Senior Manager of Psychological and Speech and Language Services; Anne Braithwaite, Speech and Language Pathologist [SLP]; Brittany Sutey, Communicative Disorders Assistant [CDA]*)

Information about the new Speech and Language Services Model TLDSB has undertaken was shared with SEAC:

- New Positions - Senior Manager of Psychological and Speech and Language Services & Communicative Disorders Assistant (CDA)
- New Speech and Language Services Model
 - Team includes SLP and CDA
 - New referral process
 - CDA works under clinical supervision of SLP and implements programming based goals and strategies as identified by the SLP
 - Formalized into three separate streams of service:
 - Comprehensive Assessments
 - Supports for nonverbal students
 - Oral Language Intervention (“What oral language skills does this student need at this time to participate in the classroom and curriculum”)
 - Speech & Articulation remains with LHIN
- Working on capacity building within our schools

5. Update: Special Needs Strategy (*District Principal Jennifer Johnston*)

- Special Needs Strategy introduced in 2014
- Vision that children and youth with special needs get access to timely and effective services
- 2 pillars that education sector is involved in:
 - Coordinated Services Planning (CSP)
 - Service Planning Coordinator assist families in connecting with multi-sectoral services based on a coordinated Single Plan of Care and goals for a student.
 - This process is underway in all areas of TLDSB

- Integrated Delivery of Rehabilitation Services (IDRS)
 - Vision that rehabilitation services are being delivered by Children's Treatment Centres (rather than LHIN)
 - In CKL- January 1 is the tentative date that funding and waitlists move from LHIN to Five Counties Children's Centre
 - In Muskoka- December 3 is the tentative date that the funding and waitlists will transfer from the LHIN to the Children's Treatment Network (CTN)
- Working together on referral packages, privacy considerations and workflow streamlining.

6. *New SEAC Orientation Planning*

- What information do new members need to know?
 - Have to consider what information to share with members who are 'replacing' a community partner mid way through a term?
Mentorship/ partnership?
 - Need orientation meeting to review PAAC, SEAC purpose, principles, guiding documents, correspondence from SEACs etc.
- How should it be presented?
 - New to SEAC- orientation meeting/ training
 - Orientation checklist
 - Acronyms, understanding school and department structure
 - Summarize past projects
 - Outline general structure of the year (budgets, EQAO, strategic directions)
 - Mentor Member in each area assigned (go-to person)

7. *SEAC Projects 2018-2019*

- Parent/Guardian Survey presentation to DSC-PIC January 2019
 - Presentation has been updated
 - Jenn J presenting; Janice will attend as a SEAC rep in the South, Stasi to attend as SEAC rep in the North
- Special Education Plan Review Sections 7-9
 - Recommended Updates in shared SEAC Drive
 - SEAC members offered opportunity to provide input; and welcomed to email any further thoughts - to be submitted by Nov 23, 2018.

8. Updates & Other Items for Discussion

- New SEAC Membership
 - Community Members are nominated by agencies/ organizations:
 - As long as there are not more than 12 nominations, there is not an interview process (only 12 community spots)
 - Organizations will receive a letter confirming their nomination
 - Up to 3 Community Member spots
 - Teleconference Interviews starting on Nov 20 at 9:30am
 - SEAC Chair Janice Balfour, Superintendent David Sornberger, District Principal Jennifer Johnston, Trustee John Byrne
 - 15 minute interviews- applicant to outline interest and experience in Special Education, TLDSB Team to review what SEAC is about
 - 3 community partner representatives should reflect geography of board, variety of exceptionalities & experience
- Autism Ontario Update (Janice Balfour)
 - Jamie Read from Autism Ontario asked whether we would like him to attend and present an update from Autism Ontario at a future meeting.
- FASD Update (Janice Balfour on behalf of Children's Services Council)
 - Under FASD strategy, funding for Family Support Groups and Caregiver Groups is available
 - CSC will be offering training opportunities for parents and partners
 - Community of practice and diagnostic clinic being explored

9. Association and Community News

- Stacey Bullock from Community Living Huntsville shared:
 - Together We Are Better Contest has been launched; Applications are due by January 28, 20189. The flyers will be shared with schools.
- Stasi O'Hare from Tourette Canada- Muskoka Chapter shared:
 - October 2019 next Tourette Canada conference in Winnipeg; typically an educator day is part of the offering. Further information will be shared once available.

10. Correspondence

- *cc Letter from PVNCCDSB to MOE re: Special Education Funding*
 - SEAC received letter for information; no action required.

11. Future Business

- January 2019- New SEAC Orientation
- Autism Ontario Presentation
- EDI Presentation
- Consultant Presentation on IEP Placemat
- BIRT Presentation
- Continuum /Work Experience and Transition Planning

12. Next Meeting

Tuesday, December 11, 2018 @ 5pm- teleconference

13. Adjournment

Moved by D. Morrison
That the meeting be adjourned
Carried.