



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

Date: Tuesday, January 15, 2019  
Time: 5pm  
Location: Video Conference

Members Present: Trustee D. Alton, Trustee D. Morrison, J. Balfour, K. Broadbent,  
S. Bullock, J. Mann, R. McHugh, S. O'Hare-Gonthier, C. O'Neill,  
N. Thompson

Regrets: S. Gray

Staff Present: J. Andreasen, J. Johnston, D. Sornberger

***Welcome & Introductions***

Superintendent Sornberger welcomed the new SEAC members; members introduced themselves.

***1. Approval of Agenda***

Moved by R. McHugh, Seconded by S. O'Hare  
That the agenda for the January 2019 SEAC meeting be approved as presented  
Carried.

***2. Approval of Minutes of the December 2018 SEAC Meeting***

Moved by S. O'Hare, Seconded by J. Balfour  
That the minutes from the December 2018 SEAC meeting be approved as presented  
Carried.

***3. SEAC Orientation/ Overview***

Superintendent David Sornberger shared a [presentation](#) with SEAC outlining the purpose and logistics of SEAC. The PAAC on SEAC training videos were also shared.

#### **4. Chair and Vice Chair Nominations**

Election of the SEAC Chair and Vice Chair

One individual was nominated for Chair

- Janice Balfour

Moved by Rose McHugh, Seconded by Krista Broadbent

That Janice Balfour be elected as the Chair of SEAC

Carried.

Two individuals were nominated for Vice Chair

- Rose McHugh (nominated by Janice Balfour)
  - Did not accept nomination
- Stacey Bullock (nominated by Stasi O'Hare)
  - Accepted nomination

Moved by Stasi O'Hare, Seconded by Carla O'Neill

That Stacey Bullock be elected as Vice Chair of SEAC

Carried.

#### **5. Department and System Updates**

Superintendent David Sornberger shared the following updates with SEAC:

- The Board Strategic Action Plan
  - Posted on the TLDSB website
  - BIPSA- broad overarching direction for the board
  - Special Education focus is on quality IEPs. IEPs should be established to close gaps, not explain gaps
- Ministry of Education Funding
  - Funding has been finalized under the new government
  - Transfer Payment Agreements are beginning to be issued; some cuts to TLDSB but minimal affect

District Principal Jennifer Johnston shared the following updates with SEAC:

- Educational Assistant Allocation Process in TLDSB
  - EA allocations reviewed 2x per year
  - Principal's Advisory Group met in December to review the needs of schools starting February 1, 2019

- Schools share data and documentation about school and students needs/ profile
- Allocations (#) go to schools; Principal does scheduling based on student and classroom needs
- Robots for Autism
  - Curriculum for students with ASD
  - Students work on social skills with Milo
  - Lots of interest across the province in Milo
    - Peel DSB came to TLDSB to learn more about Milo;
    - Itinerant Teachers will be doing a presentation at the Canadian School Boards Association Congress in the Summer
- Second Step Pilot
  - Social Skills intervention for Students who need support with social skills; targets learning skills, empathy, emotions and problem solving
  - Itinerant Teachers for Behaviour/ASD using program for students in grades K-5
- Ontario Mathematics Association Presentation
  - TLDSB will be Presenting in relation to IEP development math
- District School Council-Parent Involvement Committee (DSC-PIC) Presentation on the Parent IEP Survey
  - Thursday, January 17 Janice and Jenn J doing a presentation on to DSC-PIC on the IEP survey results from the survey that was distributed to parents by SEAC last year
  - IEP survey reports are in the SEAC Team Drive
- Special Needs Strategy Update
  - Transition of the School Based Rehabilitation Services and Funding was transferred from the LHIN to the Children's Treatment Network- CTN (Muskoka) and to Five Counties Children's Centre- FCCC (Haliburton/ CKL) for OT, PT and Speech Services

## **6. Updates/ Other Items for Discussion**

- None

## **7. Association and Community News**

- Stacey Bullock from Community Living Huntsville shared the following update with SEAC:
  - Inclusive Education Month is February 2019; There is a speaker coming to HHS February 19, 2019- Michael Jacques (*Can't Read, Can't Write, Here's My Book*)
  - Transforming Together- Life After High School will occur April 25, 2019 at HHS
  - Community Living Huntsville is hosting a 2 Part Workshop for Parents about Stress and Resilience on March 7 & 21, 2019
  - Third Annual Inclusive Education 'Thank You' to local schools will occur on February 1, 2019
  
- Carla O'Neill from the Muskoka Family Network shared the following updates with SEAC
  - Muskoka Family Network received funding through the Ministry of Education- [Family to Family Program](#)- Workshops occurring on Sunday January 20 and Wednesday January 23, 2019
  - Currently working on a goal-setting process for families
  
- Stasi O'Hare from Tourette Canada- Muskoka Chapter shared the following updates with SEAC:
  - Tourette Canada- Muskoka Chapter meets once per month for support and outreach for families who have a student or family member with Tourette; have a staff member trained to do in-class presentations about Tourette Syndrome
  - The Canadian Tourette Organization hosts a conference in October 2019 in Winnipeg
  - The Trek for Tourette occurs every March
  
- Nancy Thompson from Five Counties Children's Centre shared the following with SEAC:
  - Current focus for FCCC is working through the Special Needs Strategy/ IDRS transition
  
- Community Member Janice Balfour shared the following information with SEAC:
  - [FASD conference occurring February 8 & 9, 2019](#)

**8. *Correspondence***

- None

**9. *Future Business***

- Release of IEP Survey Results to Parents
- Summary of Ministry of Education Categories of Exceptionalities
- IEP Placemat Framework Presentation
- FASD Presentation
- Special Education Plan Review
- Special Education Funding

**10. *Next Meeting***

Tuesday, February 5, 2019, 5pm via video conference

**11. *Adjournment***

Moved by S. Bullock  
That the meeting be adjourned  
Carried.