



## **Trillium Lakelands District School Board Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes**

Date: Tuesday, November 5, 2019  
Time: 5:00 pm  
Location: Muskoka and Lindsay Education Centres - Video Conference

Members Present: Trustee Don Alton, Trustee David Morrison, Stacey Bullock (teleconference), Rose McHugh, Stasi O'Hare, Carla O'Neill, Elaine Scriven, Janice Balfour, Jeffrey Mann, Nancy Thompson

Regrets: Krista Broadbent

Staff Present: Jennifer Johnston, Shelley Johnston, Tischa Hetherington

### **Welcome & Introductions**

#### **1. Approval of Agenda**

Moved by David Morrison, seconded by Jeff Mann  
That the agenda be approved as presented  
Carried.

#### **2. Approval of Minutes of the October SEAC Meeting**

Moved by Nancy Thompson, seconded by Elaine Scriven  
That minutes from the October 2019 SEAC meeting be approved as presented  
Carried.

#### **3. Presentation**

- Jamie Read, Service Navigator  
Peterborough, Autism Ontario  
Supported by Erin Nightingale, Service Navigator  
Simcoe County, Autism Ontario
  - Provided information on Autism Ontario including their mission, budgets, processes, service navigation and supports

#### **4. Department and System Updates**

Superintendent Jennifer Johnston shared the 2018-2019 EQAO results and OSSLT results for Students with Special Needs with SEAC.

- Data is analyzed and used guide decision making
- Professional learning on the math scope and sequence charts and effective math block is continuing this year. Discussion occurred

regarding increasing our communication with families about math programming.

- Mid-year assessments will occur in Grade 3 and 6
- Teaching and Learning Coaches are in Ministry focus schools
- Accommodations for students are used in class and with assessments
  - Staff training with student technology and follow-through
- Collective Bargaining
  - Labour updates available on the board website
- Use of calming spaces in schools
  - Safe spaces are available for students who need them eg. sensory spaces, resource rooms
  - Students often self-select and request to use these spaces
  - Used as part of the continuum of teaching self regulation, skills are taught and practiced and sensory tools may be available.
  - Our staff works with students when using using these spaces, to support co-regulation, and to teach and prompt the use of practiced strategies.
  - A student would only be left in a calming space alone if there was imminent risk to safety to the staff. Even then, the student would be constantly monitored.
  - Safety of our students and staff is a priority. We train staff in Behaviour Management Systems Training.
  - We employ our staged intervention process to continually review, update and monitor student programming needs.

## **5. SEAC Projects**

- One page information sheets updated - Jeff Mann, Elaine Scriven, Stacey Bullock and Carla O'Neill
  - Autism
  - Behaviour
- IEP Survey - deferred to December Teleconference
  - Question #5 - re-wording
  - Question #6 - categories

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

- Carla O'Neill, Muskoka Family Network funding for family day this past Sunday - had 70 participants including new parents
- Stacey O'Hare, Tourette Canada - Muskoka Chapter also had their meeting previously- very well attended

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

- Janice Balfour, Community Member FASD Training on November 8 and 15 is almost full - contact Janice to registration
- Jamie Read, Autism Ontario - November 23 is hosting a family event to see the Frozen 2 movie

#### **8. Correspondence**

- cc Letter from Conseil Scolaire Catholique Providence - Funding
  - SEAC received letter for information; no action required
- cc Letter from Conseil Scolaire Catholique Providence - Class Size/Course Type
  - SEAC received letter for information; no action required
    - E-Learning follow-up with presentation for the future, from September meeting discussion
- cc Letter from Conseil Scolaire Catholique Providence - FASD Support
  - SEAC received letter for information; no action required
- cc Letter from Ecoles Catholiques Centre-Est - Class Size/Course Type
  - SEAC received letter for information; no action required

#### **9. Future Business**

- No presentation
- Rewording of survey questions

#### **10. Next Meeting**

December 3, 2019 at 5:00 pm  
Teleconference

#### **11. Adjournment**

Moved by Carla O'Neill  
That the meeting be adjourned  
Carried.