



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

Date: Tuesday, October 1, 2019
Time: 5:00 pm
Location: Haliburton County Education Centre - Dinner Meeting

Members Present: Trustee D. Alton, Trustee D. Morrison, J. Balfour, K. Broadbent, S. Bullock, N. Thompson, E. Scriven, J. Mann, C. O'Neill, S. Gray

Regrets: R. McHugh, S. O'Hare

Staff Present: J. Johnston, S. Johnston, K Williams, T. Hetherington, L. Hope

Welcome & Introductions

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Jeff Mann, seconded by Carla O'Neill
That the agenda for the October 2019 SEAC meeting be approved as amended.
Carried.

2. Approval of Minutes of the September 2019 SEAC Meeting

Moved by Staci Gray, seconded by David Morrison
That minutes from the September 2019 SEAC meeting be approved as presented.
Carried.

3. Presentation

- Director Larry Hope - Special Education Supports
 - Special Education supports being aligned within and outside the system
 - Consultants are being deployed in a generalized way
 - Autism Supports and Services are an unknown; sharing a consistent message for fully funded support
 - Local priorities funding unknown at this point with a significant reduction in support (EA's, clerical, etc).
 - Labour unrest
 - Student safety is paramount
 - Contract conversations will continue
 - Community Use of Schools will not be approved moving forward until resolution
 - Daily communication

4. Department and System Updates

- Superintendent Jennifer Johnston shared the following updates with SEAC:
 - Welcomed Tischa Hetherington and Kim Williams, Principal representatives
 - Jennifer Anderson, Executive Officer of Employee Services replacing Dianna Scates who retired
 - EQAO update - results public on September 25 - increase in math scores - will bring further update at next meeting
 - Labour Relations - CUPE group began job action with Work to Rule. Ensure the well-being of all students -programming is continuing with special needs students; being creative
 - Preparation of materials - EA's might not be able to prepare as they have in the past eg oral vs paper report
 - Safety at all times is key
 - Board website has messaging on labour relations
 - Staffing Updates - Barry Hicks, Itinerant Teacher - is returning - supporting our board; Andrea O'Leary, Consultant, temporary placement at Bobcaygeon PS as VP; Yvonne Carroll, SSAC covering maternity leave
 - Enrolment SERT allocation has been increased at Gravenhurst Public School
 - Transportation - Tim Ellis and Patrica Hayward have been working closely with Spec Ed dept to ensure transportation needs are in place
 - Professional Development - Training for SERTS - new approach to use technology - virtual meeting - can be broadcast and recorded - one page template is shared after event
 - Council for Exceptional Children - 4 presentations from our Board have been accepted - Math/IEP's; Transition Planning; School to Community Document; Activated Learning Program
 - Co-facilitated web event hearing about MILO - similar to previous SEAC presentation

5. SEAC Projects

- One page information sheets
 - Autism and Behaviour - Jeff Mann, Elaine Scriven, Stacey Gray and Carla O'Neill to revise based on Ministry guidelines
 - To present at November meeting as a refresh/relaunch
 - Other communities can be referred to our site
- IEP Survey

- Overview to the public as last time - Janice to meet with Catherine Shedden - target goal to release in February
 - area of response so no identification of specific students
 - no changes with exception of question #5 - committee discussion - Janice will reword the question for November meeting taking note of suggestions
 - Discussion for November meeting around #6 - strongly agree, agree, etc.

6. Updates & Other Items for Discussion

- Tentative presentation topics/schedule
 - November
 - Jamie Read will come and present as a navigator; Erin Nightingale from Simcoe was suggested as attending - - Carla O'Neill will confirm
 - Jennifer will bring EQAO results
 - No presentation for December
 - January
 - Integrated Transition Plan presented by Kristi Henshall
 - Council of Exceptionalities presented by Dawn Sudsbury, Amanda Newton
 - Follow-up after January for additional presentations
 - Edwin demonstration
 - After Schools Development - shared in the spring

7. Association and Community News

- Stacey Bullock from Community Living Huntsville shared that:
 - Annual General Meeting - October 15
 - Reaction for Inclusion in Port Sydney - October 4 to 6
- Carla O'Neill from Muskoka Family Network
 - Family Fun Day - November 3
 - Five week housing series for families to create their own plan - October 9

8. Correspondence

- cc Letter from Greater Essex County DSB - Bill 64 - Noah and Gregory's Law
 - SEAC received letter for information; no action required
- cc Letter from Greater Essex County DSB - Funding
 - SEAC received letter for information; no action required
- cc Letter from Greater Essex County DSB - Class Size Averages
 - SEAC received letter for information; no action required
- cc Letter from Greater Essex County DSB - Bill 44 - Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness
 - SEAC received letter for information; no action required

9. Future Business

- November presentation
 - Jamie Read will come and present as a navigator; Erin Nightingale from Simcoe suggested to attend - Carla O'Neill will confirm
 - Jennifer will bring EQAO results

10. Next Meeting

November 5, 2019 @ 5pm

Lindsay and Muskoka Education Centres - video

11. Adjournment

Moved by Carla O'Neill

That the meeting be adjourned

Carried.

12. Dinner