



TRILLIUM LAKELANDS DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE Minutes

Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019
Time: 5pm
Location: Lindsay and Muskoka Education Centres - Video Conference

Members Present: Trustee D. Alton, J. Balfour, K. Broadbent,
S. Bullock, , R. McHugh, S. O'Hare-Gonthier, N. Thompson, E.
Scriven

Regrets: Trustee D. Morrison, J. Mann, C. O'Neill, S. Gray
Staff Present: J. Johnston, S. Johnston, J. Andreasen

Welcome & Introductions

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Krista Broadbent, Seconded by Stasi O'Hare-Gonthier
That the agenda for the September 2019 SEAC meeting be approved as
presented
Carried.

2. Approval of Minutes of the June 2019 SEAC Meeting

Moved by Stasi O'Hare-Gonthier, Seconded by Nancy Thompson
That the minutes from the June 2019 SEAC meeting be approved as presented
Carried.

3. Department & System Updates

Superintendent Jennifer Johnston shared the following updates with SEAC:

- Welcome to Shelley Johnston; thank you to Jennifer Andreasen
- 4 Academic Superintendents - paired with Exec Assistants
- Dave Golden/Jen Andreasen and Jennifer Johnston/Shelley Johnston will work under the Specialized Services
- Jennifer Johnston will alternate between the 2 sites for SEAC mtg. Would SEAC be receptive to have representation between Lindsay and Muskoka by 2 Principals - provides a school voice as well
 - great idea
 - question around number of principals - south and north principal so someone at each site - good for consistency and district meetings
 - Jen will organize for October meeting

- Curriculum and Specialized Services - Safe and Accepting - support to our schools - will continue to have the same team members for each school
- Dave Golden will support SSAC's and Jen will support CDA's, Speech and Language
 - hired Sean McCutcheon - Spec Ed Consultant
 - hired BIRT EA's team members
 - hired permanent CDA due to a resignation
 - hired temporary SSAC's - Nicole Fielder, Amy Lett, still hiring for another leave
 - welcome Social Work Student - Aaron Goodchild working with Sonya Vellenga
- Funding - After School Skills Development Program from Ministry of Education targeted towards autism students. We are not to make major announcements at this point due to Ministry direction.
 - Was a pilot project previously around recreation and partnership.
 - Open to explore other partnerships
 - Students would go home from school and come back to the program perhaps bringing their family
 - Child will have skill development while parents participate in their own session
- Growing capacity of Spec Ed Resource teachers - working through problem solving and solutions
 - Our central office staff has been reduced so promoting the SERTS efforts.
 - Bringing together SERTS for small FOS meetings - to lead instructional program for students with needs
 - Is there a best place for her team to find out who those names. Department org chart - Jen can share

4. Review of IEP Survey Responses (Janice Balfour)

- Results
 - Proceeding we may want to revise some questions ensuring we note the wording changes
 - Looking at the results we need to proceed based on the responses and what we have learned from them
 - Committee may have more involvement with revisions with principal and consultant assistance
 - Survey monkey shared in spring (Feb) with community agencies, calls, email, website, social media, paper surveys - using the assistance of Catherine Shedden
 - Of approx 4000 students with IEP's we had 1242 responses - well received

- DIS-PIC Slides
 - We need to proceed based on responses
 - Look at the questions moving forward - may need revisions
 - Look the results over and communicate with each other

5. SEAC Planning for 2019-20

- One page information sheets
 - These have been out for approximately 4 years
 - Review/revise with an adhoc committee
 - Needs to be readable for parents adhering to Ministry guidelines/definitions
 - October/November agenda to look in more detail; depending on survey questions this may get pushed back
 - Each of the brochures sidebar needs to be looked at closely for updating

6. Association and Community News

- [Tourette Conference](#)
 - may be some funding to help support participation
- Family Education and Networking - Sept 26 - engaging respite and support workers ([flyer](#)) Rose McHugh, Community Living Trent Highlands
- Krista Broadbent, Community - Boys and Girls Club are presenting Boots and Bling at the Armouries - Oct 4 - Tickets are for sale at the Club
- Stacey Bullock, Community Living Huntsville - partnering Mon/Wed/Thurs/Fri morning - breakfast information sessions on ASFD
- Reaction for Inclusion Conference Flyer - Stacey Bullock, Community Living Huntsville
- Social Safety Networking Parent Night across Huntsville - December 5
- Janice Balfour, Community - FASD - November 8 and 15 conference - Celebrations in Lindsay
 - Sheila Burns presentation - family and service providers
 - Level 2 type of presentation
 - Family are free / \$50 service providers
 - After lunch on the Fri -will be specific group for families - professionals continue to work with Sheila
 - Feb 11 (potential) workshop for FASD
- Janice Balfour, Community - Employment at Fleming Oct 23, 24 training opportunity

7. Correspondence

- cc: BHNCD SB SEAC letter to MOE re: Impact of Funding and Support for Autism Services
 - Letter dated May; since then there have been changes to funding

- We were able to provide information to Ministry - 10 to 12 students that we reported on
- Information is coming in - families with IBI have been extended again - parents think this may be extended until June - we are working closely with parents/partners
- Jamie Reed from Autism Ontario is service navigator for our area for CKL/Hal
- Erin Nightingale provides for Muskoka
- We have Ontario Autism brochures - service navigators to help parents with changes
- Jamie has offered to come to make a presentation for SEAC
 - Jenn has spoken to Jamie to see if he's able to participate
 - Janice will look into following up with him/Jenn has reached out
- Accept this letter for information
- cc: Peel DSB SEAC letter to MOE re: Impact of SIP Funding Reduction
 - We are also impacted with several of the same issues
 - Do we want to support this letter, take for info, write our own letter?
 - Do we want to draft our own letter (Janice/Stacey)
 - We haven't been hit as hard as other boards
 - We had greater claims last year than previous
 - Local priority funding was negotiated in last round of collective agreements - these agreements ended last week - amounted to 11 EA positions - an impact but not as great as other boards would have felt
 - Reducing elementary/secondary teachers - referring to class size issues - we didn't have as great an impact with our schools (SERT) we are status quo
 - Our impact differs from Peel
 - Having enough support
 - Training for staff
 - Minister seems to be pulling back on a few things - notion of waiting to see how that proceeds - labour negotiations, federal election upcoming may have an impact
 - Keep on agenda timing is important

8. Future Business

- Special Education budget information - line by line review
- Class size - E-learning
- Adaptive technology and Edwin system - how does adaptive technology come into play with Edwin

- have IT come to speak about this and alternatives if this technology doesn't work for students
- Milo update
 - Jenn to schedule

9. Other Items for Discussion

- School to community piece - bridging
- Boys and Girls Club is offering Monday nights - ages 13 to 24 - 5:00 to 8:00 pm - drop in and gym program - resume writing in a relaxed atmosphere
- Orientation session/refresher will be provided between dinner and meeting at October meeting for relevant/interested participants

10. Next Meeting:

Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at HCEC- Dinner Meeting

11. Adjournment

Moved by Stasi O'Hare-Gonthier
That the meeting be adjourned.