

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 27, 2026

Public Meeting

Roll Call:

Trustees:	Members:
T. Lloyd K. McGregor	<p>Present: A. Martin, Member-at-Large (Queen’s University) Z. Rogers, Community Living Kingston</p> <p>Regrets: G. Eaton-Smith, Learning Disabilities Association of Kingston K. Hill, Member-at-Large L. Clouthier, Easter Seals Ontario E. Clow, Member-at-Large J. Barker, Lennox & Addington Resources for Children H. Clark, Autism Ontario</p>
Invitees:	Staff:
	<p>Present: S. Gillam, Superintendent of Education W. Fisher, Educational Services and Safe Schools Lead C. Snider, Special Education Program Coordinator M. Aylsworth, Special Education Program Coordinator M. West, Special Education Program Coordinator L. Conboy, Mental Health Lead A. Todd, Vice-Principal of Educational Services J. Lalonde, Special Education Program Coordinator S. Labbett, Special Education Program Coordinator D. Thompson, Principal of Educational Services M. Blackburn, Associate Superintendent of Education</p>
Recorder:	Guests:
J. Senior, Administrative Assistant	R. Barrett, Adolescent Care Worker, NDSS Student - NDSS

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1. WELCOME

Chair McGregor called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Chair McGregor read the Acknowledgement of Territory:

“The Limestone District School Board is situated on the traditional territories of the Anishinaabek and Haudenosaunee. We acknowledge their enduring presence on this land, as well as the presence of Métis, Inuit, and other First Nations from across Turtle Island. We honour their cultures and celebrate their commitment to this land.”

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOVED BY: Trustee Tiffany Lloyd that the agenda be approved. Carried.

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None at this time.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY: Trustee Tiffany Lloyd that the April 22, 2026, Minutes be approved. Carried.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None at this time.

6. EDUCATION SERVICES UPDATE

6.1 Student Mental Health Supports- NDSS – Adolescent Child Care Worker, Ricki Barrett, from NDSS, along with an NDSS student, shared a presentation on Jack.org student initiatives. The student-led group focuses on reducing the stigma around mental health through monthly themed activities, including bulletin boards, school-wide announcements, and interactive events. Initiatives throughout the year included partnerships with Public Health and community organizations, wellness workshops, and activities to support students with exam stress and overall well-being. The group also organized Mental Health Week activities and continues to plan future initiatives. Ongoing goals include increasing student engagement, expanding partnerships, and promoting mental health awareness within the school community.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Waterloo Region District School Board – Letter to Minister of Education regarding Provincial Proposal to Replace Trustees with Provincially Appointed Supervisors, dated April 27, 2026. Provided for information in the Agenda Package.

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7.2 Waterloo Region District School Board – Letter to Minister of Education regarding Support for Funding Priorities for Students with Special Education and Mental Health Needs, dated April 27, 2026. Provided for information in the Agenda Package.

7.3 Waterloo Region District School Board – Letter to Minister of Education regarding concerns being raised by other boards across Ontario regarding the current state of special education funding and the protection of student rights under the Ontario Human Rights Code, dated April 27, 2026. Provided for information in the Agenda Package.

7.4 Upper Grand District School Board – Letter to Minister of Education regarding Funding Support for Students with Special Education and Mental Health Needs, dated May 13, 2026. Provided for information in the Agenda Package.

8. ASSOCIATION UPDATES

None at this time.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Administrative Report: Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Scot Gillam provided an overview of the Superintendent's Report, which was included in the Agenda Package.

9.2 Parent Concern - Rideau Public School – It was reported that a parent from Rideau Public School contacted Trustee Karen McGregor and Member-at-Large Andrea Martin regarding concerns about the level of support for their child. This information was shared with Associate Superintendents Michael Blackburn and Stephanie Sartor, as well as Principal Deborah Thompson, who are currently addressing the matter.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE

June 10, 2026

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY: Trustee Tiffany Lloyd that the meeting adjourn. Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm to begin the Tri-Board SEAC Meeting.

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