



SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

January 24, 2024

PUBLIC MEETING

Roll Call:

Trustees:	Members:
T. Lloyd	Present: H. Clark, Autism Ontario E. Clow, Member-at-Large K. Hill, Member-at-Large A. Martin, Member-at-Large (Queen's University) M. Covey, Community Living Kingston S. Patay, Lennox & Addington Resources for Children L. Clouthier, Easter Seals Ontario H. Simson, Learning Disabilities Association of Kingston Regrets: Trustee K. McGregor
	Staff:
	Present: M. Blackburn, Principal of Educational Services S. Gillam, Superintendent, Learning for All N. Dillard, Vice-Principal of Educational Services C. Snider, Special Education Program Coordinator T. Vail, Special Education Program Coordinator A. Ward, Special Education Program Coordinator L. Conboy, Mental Health Lead W. Fisher, Educational Services and Safe Schools Coordinator J. Lalonde, Special Education Program Coordinator
Guests:	Recorder:
Research Analysts: E. Clost-Lambert, L. Gillam	J. Senior, Administrative Assistant

Limestone District School Board

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SEE YOURSELF IN LIMESTONE

1. WELCOME

Co-Chair Martin called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Co-Chair Martin read the Acknowledgement of Territory:

“The Limestone District School Board is situated on the traditional territories of the Anishinaabe 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: Member-at-Large Erin Clow that the agenda be approved. Carried.

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None at this time.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 SEAC Minutes December 13, 2023

MOVED BY: Member-at-Large Katrina Hill that the December 13, 2023, SEAC Minutes be approved. Carried.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None at this time.

6. EDUCATION SERVICES UPDATE

6.1 Presentation: Special Education Data – Principal Michael Blackburn and Vice Principal Nicola Dillard and Research Analysts, Ellyn Clost-Lambert and Laura Gillam shared an in-depth report related to Special Education data collected through the *See Yourself in Limestone Student Census*.

Co-Chair Martin called on SEAC Members for questions.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board - Letter to Minister of Education regarding Supporting Students with Special Education Needs, dated January 15, 2024.

8. ASSOCIATION UPDATES

8.1 Haley Clark, Autism Ontario - Report from Haley Clark - Sent to SEAC via email on January 15, 2024.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Administrative Report: Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Scot Gillam shared the following:

A. Ministry Updates:

None at this time.

B. Educational Services Update:

Neuro Vibes

A reminder that Neuro Vibes takes place tomorrow beginning at 5:30 pm at the Faculty of Education Library, Queen's University. This event provides an opportunity to learn, hear from neurodivergent individuals and explore ways to affirm and honour neurodiversity. No registration is required but people are asked to confirm attendance at <http://bit.ly/neurovibes24>

February 2, 2024 - PA Day

On February 2, 2024, Educational Services staff will be providing Professional Development for Educational Assistants (EAs). Sessions include relationship-based approaches, understanding the learner, and ABA in relation to students and their profiles. Other training will be taking place for Educational Services staff and EAs, including Mediating to End Negative Disagreements (MEND) and a Brief Intervention for School Clinicians (BRISC) refresher for Clinical and Social work staff.

Additional Professional Development (PD)

Future Student Support Teacher (SST) PD dates include February 27 and April 23, 2024. Future Learning Program Support teachers (LPS) PD dates include March 5, and April 24th. Topics for both groups include NeuroDiverse Affirming Practices in Schools and Socio-Emotional learning to name just a few. District Learning Centre (DLC) Teachers and Education and Community Partnership Program (ECPP) Teachers will be brought together on February 21 and April 30, 2024, in the afternoon for PD. There will be a day of learning focused on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum

Disorders (FASD) on February 22, 2024, at the Education Centre; more details will be shared as details are confirmed.

The Early Years Learning Series will be running in April on April 9, 16, 23, and 30, 2024, after school. More details will be shared as this date approaches. Finally, support for the Grade 7/8 Mental Health Modules will be provided to staff following the completion of elementary report cards.

Co-Chair Martin called on SEAC Members for questions.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY: Member-at-Large Erin Clow, that the meeting adjourn. Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 pm.