



SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 31, 2023

PUBLIC MEETING

Roll Call:

Trustees:	Members:
T. Lloyd K. McGregor	Present: S. Henderson-Todd, Lennox and Addington Resources for Children H. Simson, Learning Disabilities Association of Kingston A. Martin, Member-at-Large (Queen's University) Z. Rogers, Community Living Kingston L. Clouthier, Easter Seals Ontario Regrets: None
	Staff:
	M. Blackburn, Principal of Educational Services J. Lalonde, Special Education Program Coordinator L. Conboy, Mental Health Lead W. Fisher, Educational Services and Safe Schools Coordinator 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. Rose-Hartwick, Special Education Support Teacher
Guests:	Recorder:
C. Young, Superintendent of Business P. Carson, Manager of Financial Services	J. Senior, Administrative Assistant

Limestone District School Board

Limestone District School Board is situated on traditional territories of the Anishinaabe & Haudenosaunee.

SEE YOURSELF IN LIMESTONE

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 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: Sandy Henderson-Todd that the agenda be approved. Carried.

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None at this time.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 SEAC Minutes – April 19, 2023

MOVED BY: Trustee Lloyd that the April 19, 2023, SEAC Minutes be approved. Carried.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None at this time.

6. EDUCATION SERVICES UPDATE

6.1 Presentation: Special Education and Mental Health 2023-2024 Budget Presentation –

Paula Carson, Manager of Financial Services shared an in-depth presentation on the 2023-2024 Special Education and Mental Health budget.

Chair McGregor called upon SEAC Members for questions and SEAC Members asked that the presentation be sent to them electronically.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board - Letter to Minister of Education regarding the Special Incidence Portion Claim (SIP) Funding, dated February 14, 2023. Provided for information.

8. ASSOCIATION UPDATES

Caitlin Norwich-Stevenson, Member-at-Large

We did receive notification from SEAC Member-at-Large, Caitlin Norwich-Stevenson, tendering her resignation. Caitlin was an active member of SEAC up until recently and she does send her regrets. We do thank her for her time on SEAC and wish her all the best.

We do have a number of candidates who applied for the most recent Member-at-Large vacancy when Constance Carrierre-Prill resigned. Our plan is to bring two applicants to the June 21, 2023, Board Meeting for approval in order to have two new SEAC Member-at-Large members in place for September, 2023.

9. OTHER BUSINESS – Administrative Report: Superintendent's Report

A. Ministry Updates:

Priority and Partnership Funding (PPF) for 2023/24

- **Summer Mental Health Supports** – Provide prevention/early intervention mental health services to students during the summer months using their existing staffing complement.
- **Removing Barriers for Students with Disabilities** – Boards can submit applications to fund projects that prevent and remove accessibility barriers experienced by students with special education needs/disabilities.
- **Professional Assessments** – This program will support school boards to conduct professional assessments (speech/language and psycho-educational) to help reduce wait times.
- **Special Education Additional Qualifications (AQ) Subsidy for Educators** – Support educators' participation in AQs approved by the Ministry.
- **Summer Learning for Students with Special Education Needs** – To support the transition of students with special education needs at the start the 2023-2024 school year.

B. Educational Services Update:

National Accessibility Week – May 29 – June 2, 2023

National Accessibility Week will be championed in LDSB through multiple channels, including our Communications Department and classrooms across LDSB. We also have a few specific events

taking place including Red Shirt Day on Wednesday, May 31, 2023. The LDSB Sports Festival will take place at the Invista Centre on Tuesday, May 30 and Wednesday, May 31, 2023, from 9:30 am until 1:00 pm. This is an inclusive sports activity and track event for students with developmental disabilities. Running in tandem with LESAA Track and Field meets, over 200 elementary student athletes with exceptionalities will roll, rock, or run in this first-ever large-scale sporting event. This all leads to Kingston hosting the 2023 Special Olympics Ontario School Championships on June 6 – June 8, 2023. LDSB will have several teams competing in this amazing event.

EA Allocation process

The EA allocation process has begun for the 2023-24 school year. All elementary and secondary schools have submitted their support plans for students, and these are being reviewed by Educational Services staff and CUPE for accuracy.

Removing Barriers for Students with Disabilities

Educational Services staff are in the process of applying for three projects to be supported by PPF funding for removing barriers for students with disabilities.

- **Making Accessibility Visible** – Developing augmentative communication boards to be used on playgrounds.
- **Accessibility Audits** – Release time and support for staff and students to complete audits and provide input on the strengths and needs of the system.
- **Professional Learning** – Opportunities regarding exceptionalities and Universal Design for Learning (UDL) through the production of videos that can be accessed by staff at their convenience and face-to-face learning sessions.

Chair McGregor called on SEAC Members for questions.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.