

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

December 11, 2024

Public Meeting

Roll Call:

Trustees:	Members:
T. Lloyd K. McGregor	Present: A. Martin, Member-at-Large (Queen's University) Z. Rogers, Community Living Kingston C. Lord, Epilepsy South Eastern Ontario Regrets: H. Simson, Learning Disabilities Association of Kingston H. Clark, Autism Ontario E. Clow, Member-at-Large J. Barker, Lennox & Addington Resources for Children L. Clouthier, Easter Seals Ontario K. Hill, Member-at-Large
Invitees:	Staff:
	Present: S. Gillam, Superintendent of Education, Learning for All M. Blackburn, Principal of Educational Services W. Fisher, Educational Services and Safe Schools Coordinator C. Snider, Special Education Program Coordinator M. Aylsworth, Special Education Program Coordinator M. West, Special Education Program Coordinator L. Conboy, Mental Health Lead J. Lalonde, Special Education Program Coordinator N. Dillard, Vice-Principal of Educational Services T. Bonham-Carter, Special Education Program Coordinator
Guests:	Recorder:
None at this time.	J. Senior, Administrative Assistant

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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 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: Trustee Lloyd that the agenda be approved. Carried.

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None at this time.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY Trustee Lloyd that the November 6, 2024, IEC Minutes be approved. Carried.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None at this time.

6. EDUCATION SERVICES UPDATE

6.1 Educational Services 2024-25 Monitoring and Operational Plan – Principal Michael Blackburn, Vice Principal Nicola Dillard delivered a comprehensive presentation on the 2024-25 December Monitoring and Operational Plan.

Principal Blackburn reminded SEAC Members of the Mission Statement:

Our mission is to support the creation of equitable, supportive and fully inclusive learning spaces where all students can achieve their goals, develop to their full potential, and experience success. Our purpose is to support staff to recognize the unique strengths and needs of every student and to enable the conditions for learning, engagement, belonging and achievement.

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Principal Blackburn and Vice Principal Dillard reviewed the four foundational principles from the Monitoring and Operational Plan:

- Culture Matters
- Supports Matter
- Programming Matters
- People Matter

Additionally, the Monitoring and Operational Plan lists eight specific key areas of focus for capacity building and support:

- Universal Design for Learning
- Executive Functions
- Assistive Technology
- Relationship Based Approaches
- Accessibility
- Neuroaffirming Practices
- Multi-tiered Systems of Support
- Modification/Accommodations

Examples were provided to illustrate where these principles are implemented and how we track the outcomes. SEAC Committee Members can expect the next updated Monitoring and Operational Plan to be presented at the March 19, 2025, SEAC Meeting.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Ontario College of Teachers – Correspondence from Linda Lacroix, Registrar & CEO of Ontario College of Teachers in response to the Limestone District School Board letter received on November 19, 2024. Provided for information.

8. ASSOCIATION UPDATES

None at this time.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Administrative Report: Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Scot Gillam reviewed the Superintendent's Report that was included in the Agenda Package.

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9.2 K-12 Education Accessibility Standards 24/25 – Superintendent Gillam provided SEAC Members with an update on the current K-12 Educational Accessibility Standards and the progress made by LDSB.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE

January 22, 2025

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 pm.