

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

January 22, 2025

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 H. Simson, Learning Disabilities Association of Kingston E. Clow, Member-at-Large J. Barker, Lennox & Addington Resources for Children L. Clouthier, Easter Seals Ontario K. Hill, Member-at-Large Regrets: H. Clark, Autism Ontario
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
Recorder:	Guests:
J. Senior, Administrative Assistant	Terry Farrell, Itinerant Teacher for Deaf/Hard of Hearing & Team Lead Katie Kyte, Itinerant Teacher for Deaf/Hard of Hearing Robb MacKay, Itinerant Teacher for Deaf/Hard of Hearing Sarah Ruta, Itinerant Teacher of the Visually Impaired

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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: 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

MOVED BY Trustee Lloyd that the December 11, 2024, SEAC Minutes be approved. Carried.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

5.1 MOTION: *Trustee McGregor*—To have SEAC Chair Karen McGregor’s name added to the list of signatures on letter to be sent to Ministry of Education regarding *Inadequate Special Education Funding and Educational Assistant Shortage* as per request from Traci Clarke, SEAC Chair, Ottawa Catholic School Board.

MOVED BY: All SEAC Members. Carried.

6. EDUCATION SERVICES UPDATE

6.1 Supports and Services for students who are Deaf/Hard of Hearing/Blind/Low Vision—A Team Approach—Terry Farrell, Itinerant Teacher for Deaf/Hard of Hearing and Team Lead, along with Katie Kyte and Robb MacKay, Itinerant Teachers for Deaf/Hard of Hearing, and Sarah Ruta, Itinerant Teacher of the Visually Impaired, delivered a comprehensive presentation on the supports and services available for students who are deaf, hard of hearing, blind, or have low vision.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Letter to the Ministry from Ottawa Catholic School Board SEAC—Correspondence to the Ministry from Ottawa Catholic School Board regarding Inadequate Special Education Funding and Educational Assistant Shortage. Provided for information and discussed and approved as detailed in Motion above.

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8. ASSOCIATION UPDATES

8.1 Easter Seals Ontario – Linda Clouthier provided details about the Annual Curl for Kids Bonspiel on March 1, 2025; to kick off the March is Easter Seals Month Campaign.

8.2 Epilepsy South Eastern Ontario – Christina Lord provided information regarding Epilepsy Awareness Month, Purple Day on March 26th and Educational Packages to Raise Awareness and Education about Epilepsy.

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.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE

February 12, 2025

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 pm.