



**Minutes of the Special Education  
Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday, June 8, 2016  
4:00 pm – Maitland Room  
Avon Maitland Education Centre**

**Voting Members/**

**Alternates Present:** L. Harper, C. Bennewies, L. Geddes, J. Costello, K. Fox, M. Krebs, R. Wagler (by phone)

**Non-Voting Members:** E. Bannerman

**Staff Present:** P. Blair (by phone)

**Member Regrets:** T. McGregor, D. Pratley, T. Sparling, D. Barkley, G. Haber

**Guests Present:** C. Carter

**Recorder:** C. Trotter

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**1.0 Routine Matters**

**1.1 Approval of the Agenda**

Motion to approve the June 1, 2016 agenda: C. Bennewies seconded by L. Geddes

**CARRIED**

**1.2 Approval of the Agenda**

Motion to approve the June 8, 2016 agenda: M. Krebs seconded by L. Harper

**CARRIED**

**1.3 Approval of the May 11, 2016 SEAC Minutes**

Motion to accept the minutes; M. Krebs seconded by C. Bennewies

**CARRIED**

**1.4 Approval of the June 1, 2016 SEAC Minutes**

Motion to accept the minutes: L. Geddes seconded by J. Costello

**CARRIED**

## **2.0 Business Arising from the Minutes**

### **2.1 2016-2017 Budget – C. Carter, Associate Superintendent of Finance**

Schedules have not changed since the last meeting. When we reviewed the budget last week there was good discussion. Trustees received the complete budget last night, and we will be going back to Trustees on June 14 for their approval. Trustees like to hear how the special education budget unfolded at the SEAC meeting.

Cheri reviewed the documents from the last meeting. Main resource is people, so the Full Time Equivalent (FTE) document is quite important.

These figures are for special education only. Overall, we will be presenting a balanced budget to the Trustees. Assuming the Trustees will be approving the budget, we will be presenting this to the Ministry.

Cheri will be back in January/February to talk about revised estimates for the 2016-2017 budget.

Katie thanked Cheri for her presentation.

#### **SEAC recommendation:**

#### **IT IS RECOMMENDED:**

The Special Education Advisory Committee recommends the Avon Maitland District School Board approve the “Draft” Special Education Budget for 2016-2017.

**Moved by C. Bennewies seconded by L. Harper  
CARRIED**

### **2.2 Special Education Plan – Staffing – Superintendent Blair**

Superintendent Blair noted this document is draft only, information will need to be verified by Human Resources. We are also working on the provincial schools information. This will all be confirmed before the document is submitted to the Ministry and then posted to the Board’s website. Hard copies will be available to SEAC members at the September meeting.

Questions: In Section 6.2; SCC classes, South Huron DHS is the only one that has not changed in terms of the number of sections.

Answer: They are moving students out slowly, quite often by periods. This will take us a bit of time to move students into regular classes. Once students have been moved, we still allocate sections to resource support for the schools, in case students need support.

6.5: shading in 3.1. Just a printing error.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED:**

The Avon Maitland District School Board approve the amendments to the Draft Special Education Plan 2016 - 2017.

**Moved by L. Geddes seconded by L. Harper  
CARRIED**

**3.0 New Business  
Nil**

**4.0 Trustee Board Report**  
Reviewing the budget, working on strategic plan.

**5.0 Association Reports**

**Foundations Huron:** Huron Perth Chapter of Autism is at risk of closing. Not enough people to run the executive. Katie will post to the SEAC conference. If you know of anyone who would like to help, please send them to Autism Ontario.

**Spina Bifida & Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario:** Lisa reported there are spirit walk/run events, similar to Terry Fox run, taking place throughout the province.

St Marys & Area Community Living: Jennifer reported their AGM is on June 20.

**6.0 Additional items:**

**7.0 Student Senator Reports**  
No report

**8.0 Future Agenda Items**

- Orientation for SEAC members (ongoing)
- St. Marys video
- Calendar/plan of what's happening in schools
- Definition of Inclusion
- Student Voice – September
- SEAC people will need a GAFE email. Should SEAC members have GAFE training? Katie would like to come to training

**9.0 Date of Next Meeting**

- **September 7, 2016**

**Future Meetings:**

- **October 5, 2016**

- November 2, 2016
- December 7, 2016
- January 4, 2017
- February 1, 2017
- March 1, 2017
- April 5, 2017
- May 10, 2017 (Second Wednesday of the month)
- June 7, 2017
- June 14, 2017 (This date to be confirmed)

These dates will be posted on the Board website.

#### **10.0 Adjournment**

Moved by M. Krebs to adjourn.

The Special Education Advisory Committee meeting is adjourned at 4:30 pm.

**Committee Members  
2015 – 2016**

<b>Voting Members</b>	<b>Non-Voting Members</b>	<b>Alternate Members</b>
Katie Fox – Chair <i>Foundations Huron</i>	Greg Haber <i>Elementary Principal Rep</i>	
Marty Krebs – Vice Chair <i>Member at Large</i>	Emma Bannerman <i>Secondary Principal Rep</i>	Mary Lynn MacDonald <i>Member at Large</i>
Lynette Geddes <i>Trustee</i>	Peggy Blair <i>Superintendent of Education</i>	Alyson Kent <i>Trustee</i>
Doug Pratley <i>Trustee</i>	Eleanor Salmon <i>System Principal</i>	Nancy Rothwell <i>Trustee</i>
Terri Sparling <i>Huron Perth Centre</i>	Jane Morris <i>Superintendent of Education</i>	
Jennifer Costello <i>Community Living – St. Marys &amp; Area</i>		
Trevor McGregor <i>Community Living – Stratford &amp; Area</i>		
Doris Barkley <i>Perth District Health Unit Autism Ontario</i>		
Carol Bennewies <i>Member at Large</i>		
Lisa Harper <i>Spina Bifida &amp; Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario</i>		