



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

**Wednesday, May 31, 2017
4:00 pm – Maitland Room
Avon Maitland Education Centre**

Voting Members/

Alternates Present: K. Fox, L. Geddes, J. Costello, P. Huetlin, C. Bennewies, T. Sparling, D. Barkley

Non-Voting Members: R. Lovell, H. Finch

Staff Present:

Member Regrets: D. Pratley, T. McGregor, M. Krebs

Guests Present: E. Moore, C. Carter

Recorder: C. Trotter

1.0 Routine Matters

1.1 Approval of the May 10, 2017 Agenda

Moved by L. Geddes, D. Barkley
That the agenda be approved as presented.
CARRIED

1.2 Approval of the May 31, 2017 Agenda

Moved by T. Sparling, J. Costello
That the agenda be approved as presented.
CARRIED

1.3 Approval of the April 5, 2017 SEAC Minutes

Moved by C. Bennewies, L. Geddes
That the minutes be approved as presented.
CARRIED

1.4 Approval of the May 10, 2017 SEAC Minutes

Moved by C. Bennewies, D. Barkley
That the minutes be approved as presented.
CARRIED

2.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

2.1 R. Lovell noted the Dr. Musselwhite workshop on Emergent Literacy was a great success, both during the day for staff and in the evening for parents. Dr. Musselwhite has many strategies for all children. Her strategies can also be used with adults as well – there is no window of time that it can be used.

3.0 New Business

3.1 Budget Presentation – Superintendent C. Carter

Handouts emailed to SEAC member prior to meeting. C. Carter explained the documents, and the process of how the budget moves from finance to SEAC to then the final overall budget to the Trustees. Hoping to take full board budget to the Trustees on June 13. E. Moore explained some of the changes in the budget lines. Format is familiar from other years. Superintendent Blair outlined some of the upcoming staff changes. Questions can be forwarded to C. Trotter who will pass along for the next meeting.

K. Fox thanks C. Carter & E. Moore for their presentation.

3.2 Special Education Plan Updates – Superintendents Baird-Jackson & Blair

Section 16.0: Facilities. Superintendent Baird-Jackson explained the work that has been completed and also upcoming work listed on the plan and plus identified some requests that have just come up in the past days and weeks. Explained board priorities; building integrity, keeping the rain out and the heat in. Safety is always at the forefront with Ontario Building and fire code. Accessibility concerns are taken into consideration while working on any project. Program upgrades may be reviewed during projects, if funds are available.

Superintendent Blair asked if Committee Members would like to hold some meetings at various schools next year, so Superintendent Baird Jackson review building status with the Committee.

Section 1.0 – 2.0: Introduction & General Model for Special Education.

Superintendent Blair explained the changes and updates are in blue. Wording that has been removed, is crossed out and below is listed the working it's being replaced with. The draft definition of inclusion will also now be included.

Section 4.5 to 4.6 Range of Placements.

Superintendent Blair explained this section has been consolidated into a chart. Previously this information was listed in bullet format. Section 23 is now called Enhanced Education and Treatment (EET)

There will be more changes to come to the next meeting.

4.0 Trustee Board Report

Trustee Geddes: heavily into budgeting. Research topic is ongoing.

5.0 Association Reports

Foundations Huron: taking 2017 off for the Dream Big event. Taking steps to work on 2018 Dream Big with other partners. More information to follow.

6.0 Future Agenda Items

- Orientation for SEAC members
- Calendar/plan of what's happening in schools
- Budget – Cheri Carter (February, May, June)

7.0 Date of Next Meeting

- June 7, 2017

Future Meetings:

- September 13, 2017 **(Second Wednesday of the month)**

These dates will be posted on the Board website.

9.0 Adjournment

Moved by L. Geddes to adjourn.

No quorum.

The Special Education Advisory Committee meeting is adjourned at 5:30 pm.

**Committee Members
2016 – 2017**

Voting Members	Non-Voting Members	Alternate Members
Katie Fox – Chair <i>Foundations Huron</i>	Ruth Lovell <i>Elementary Principal Rep</i>	
Marty Krebs – Vice Chair <i>Member at Large</i>	Helena Finch <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>	Nancy Rothwell <i>Trustee</i>
Doug Pratley <i>Trustee</i>	Missy Pfaff <i>Vice Principal</i>	Robert Hunking <i>Trustee</i>
Terri Sparling <i>Huron Perth Centre</i>	Jane Morris <i>Superintendent of Education</i>	
Jennifer Costello <i>Community Living – St. Marys & Area</i>		
Trevor McGregor <i>Community Living – Stratford & Area</i>		Peg Huetlin
Doris Barkley <i>Perth District Health Unit Autism Ontario</i>		
Carol Bennewies <i>Member at Large</i>		
Lisa Harper <i>Spina Bifida & Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario</i>		