



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

**Wednesday, January 10, 2018
4:00 pm – Maitland Room
Avon Maitland Education Centre**

Voting Members/

Alternates Present: T. McGregor, K. Morrison, L. Geddes, D. Pratley, S. Lee, C. Bennewies, K. Fox, P. Huettlin, D. Barkley

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

Staff Present: M. Pfaff, K. Black, P. Blair

Member Regrets: R. Hunking

Presenters: C. Carter, S. Lipskie

Recorder: C. Trotter

1.0 Routine Matters

1.1 Approval of the January 10, 2018 Agenda

Moved by L. Geddes seconded by T. McGregor

That the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

1.2 Approval of the December 6, 2017 SEAC Minutes

Moved by D. Pratley seconded by L. Geddes

That the minutes be approved as amended

CARRIED

2.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

2.1 Update: The Community Living award is now at the AMDSB Education Centre. The Director will receive the award from Chris Beesley at an upcoming meeting in Toronto

3.0 New Business

3.1 Final Year End Revised Estimates – C. Carter

Handout. C. Carter explained the documents, including timelines and approval process of the budget. Any questions can be sent to C. Trotter, who will forward to C. Carter. Handout has been emailed out to SEAC members. More information regarding the budget can also be found on the Board meeting highlights. Next finance presentation will be at the May SEAC meeting. You can also find the Ministry-allocated budget on their website.

3.2 Community Integration Through Cooperative Education – S. Lipskie, Conestoga College

The goal is to meet the needs of our students. Core Program includes intake of students to get familiar with college life, and build on those outcomes. Huge focus on health and wellness. Believe that if students feel well, physically and emotionally, they can do well in school.

Students can choose an area that might be of interest to them. We are the only program in the province that has dedicated space for students. Modify the work, based on student need. Field placement is directly related to the student's area of study. We are not an employment based program, we are an academic based program. A number of our students have been hired in the community. The impact of the students is felt throughout the campus. We have more applicants than spaces. We do have an admission criterion that potential students need to follow. We partner with school boards, so the message goes out so transition planning can be put in place. Students must decide if they come to college at age 18 or age 21 and be able to care for themselves independently. They must also arrange transportation to field placement on their own. We are very supportive, but the student must be able to navigate campus on their own. Interview is short and can be done online or in person. Students apply through OCAS, by February 1. Families are welcome to come to open houses, tour the campus, or they can call S. Lipskie directly. The next open house is January 20. Students will be contacted directly, if they have not been accepted. They are made aware if they are placed on the wait list, or what they can do if they are not on the wait list. Discussion followed regarding processes at different colleges.

3.3 Election of SEAC Chair

For this election, the chair/vice chair would hold the position until the next election.

Ask for nominations:

Nominations for Chair:

D. Barkley nominated by C. Bennewies – declined.

C. Bennewies nominated by D. Pratley – accepted.

K. Morrison nominated by C Bennewies – accepted.

C. Bennewies withdrew.

Karen Morrison has been acclaimed as Chair of SEAC

Nominations for Vice Chair:

C. Bennewies nominated K. Fox – accepted.

K. Fox has been acclaimed as Vice Chair of SEAC.

Motion to approve K. Morrison as SEAC Chair and K. Fox as Vice Chair
Motioned by L. Geddes, seconded by C. Bennewies.

CARRIED

4.0 Trustee Board Report

Trustee Pratley: Inaugural meeting for Trustees was held. Trustees were assigned to various committees at this meeting. There are 18 committees that trustees sit on. R. Hunking has been appointed as Trustee Representative to SEAC, replacing L. Geddes, who will still serve as an alternate. C. Schenk is the other alternate. D. Pratley will continue as Trustee Representative. Look for the Director's annual report, which will be posted on the board website by January 31, 2018. Thank you to L. Geddes, for her service to SEAC.

5.0 Association Reports

Community Living Stratford & Area: An Employment Modernization Program grant. was recently submitted to Community and Social Services to partner with AMDSB to support young people to keep connected to the community. Starting in the schools and working out from there. A number of applications get submitted each year.

Other items: Introducing K. Black, Superintendent, as P. Blair moves to the Hamilton Wentworth DSB. P. Blair thanked everyone for their support during her time at AMDSB.

K. Morrison thanked K. Fox for her leadership as Chair these past 3 years.

7.0 Future Agenda Items

- Orientation for SEAC members
- Calendar/plan of what's happening in schools
- Special Education Plan review
- Budget review (see dates below)
- Choosin' Inclusion to be held in February – more information to follow.

8.0 Date of Next Meeting

- February 7, 2018

Future Meetings:

- March 7, 2018
- April 4, 2018
- May 9, 2018 **(Second Wednesday of the month.)**
- May 30, 2018 (Budget review)
- June 6, 2018 (Budget approval)

These dates will be posted on the Board website.

9.0 Adjournment

Moved by D. Barkley to adjourn.

The Special Education Advisory Committee meeting is adjourned at 5:25 pm.

**Committee Members
2017 – 2018**

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>
Robert Hunking <i>Trustee</i>	Peggy Blair <i>Superintendent of Education</i>	Lynette Geddes <i>Trustee</i>
Doug Pratley <i>Trustee</i>	Missy Pfaff <i>Vice Principal</i>	Colleen Schenk <i>Trustee</i>
Terri Sparling <i>Huron Perth Centre</i>	Jane Morris <i>Superintendent of Education</i>	Val Milson <i>Huron Perth Centre</i>
Stephanie Lee <i>Community Living – St. Marys & Area</i>		Jennifer Costello <i>Community Living St. Marys & Area</i>
Trevor McGregor <i>Community Living – Stratford & Area</i>		Peg Huettlin <i>Community Living Stratford & Area</i>
Doris Barkley <i>Perth District Health Unit Autism Ontario</i>		
Carol Bennewies <i>Member at Large</i>		
Karen Morrison <i>Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario</i>		

