



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

**Wednesday, October 3, 2018
4:00 pm – Maitland Room
Avon Maitland Education Centre**

Voting Members/

Alternates Present: K. Morrison, R. Hunking, K. Fox, S. Lee, T. McGregor, J. McCrea,
C. Bennewies

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

Staff Present: Superintendent Black, Vice Principal Pfaff

Member Regrets: D. Pratley (L. Geddes for Doug), T. Sparling

Presenters:

Recorder: C. Trotter

1.0 Routine Matters

1.1 Approval of the Agenda

Moved by CB seconded by J. McRea
That the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

1.2 Approval of SEAC Minutes – September 12, 2018

Moved by J. McCrea seconded by S. Lee
Re 6.0: J. McCrea noted that the question from President of Autism Ontario is looking for a way to contact families, who have children in AMDSB schools, who have a diagnosis of Autism, to help provide supports. Superintendent Black detailed that the Communications Department vets requests & then sends them out to schools. It is then the decision of the Principal, sometimes in consultation with School Council.

That the minutes be approved as amended.

CARRIED

2.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

2.1 IEAC Letter of Support – Superintendent Black

Trustee Hunking noted there has been plenty of correspondence between boards regarding the cancellation of the Indigenous revisions curriculum. The International Education Association of Canada (IEAC) wrote the letter, which then went to the board of Trustees. The board will be writing their own letter of support to attached the IEAC letter.

2.2 SEAC Membership – Superintendent Black

Regarding Section 3.5 Membership Change. K. Fox's resignation has been rescinded. K. Fox is now able to represent her organization, which is Community Living South Huron. Superintendent Black presented the SEAC membership process. When a new Board of Trustees is elected, each SEAC member will be required to re-apply to stay on the committee. The Board of Trustees will have their election on December 4, 2018. Superintendent Black will begin the process to form 'local associations' of the formation of the new SEAC.

3.0 New Business

3.1 New Funding Supports – Dr. Anne Robinson

New GSN funding has allowed us to hire two new Mental Health & Wellness Coach/Counsellors, who both have Master of Social Work degrees.

The first is Laura Plume. This is a shared Ministry of Education funded position with the Huron Perth Catholic DSB. Laura is based at Central Huron SS half time and other half of she is at St. Anne's Catholic Secondary School. This is a pilot. The Steffler Foundation is a community partner. Referrals come through the guidance department. All referrals are vetted at the school level and a decision is made who to refer the student to, depending on the need. Heather Hirdes, is based in the Stratford and area. Her position is fully funded by AMDSB. Doing similar work as Laura.

Increases with this funding:

Perth District Health Unit supports are up overall by a half day.

Huron Perth Centre has received funding for a half time Child & Youth Worker (CYW) position which has been allocated to FE Madill. This person is Tori Hedges. Tara Merkley is another CYW, who has been working with Dr. Robinson, supporting Secondary Schools. With this new position, it gives Secondary School extra supports.

School Based Supports:

PDHU School Nurse – Perth students

HCHU School Nurse – Huron students

LHIN Mental Health Addiction Nurse – all Huron & 3 Perth schools

HPC CYW (Madill & SHDHS)

AMDSB MH Counsellor – Madill & GDCI

Mental Health & Wellness Coach/Counsellor – CHSS and Stratford and area

Choices for Change (Addiction) – grades 7-12, but can go into elementary

Public Health Prevention – work in all schools.

Other examples of support: Huron Perth Centre for Child and Youth (HPC), CMHA, HP Helpline & Crisis Program.

Tiered Model of Supports:

Tier 1: for all. Mental Health Promotion

Tier 2: for some. Prevention/early intervention

Tier 3: for a few. Intervention

Chair Morrison thanked Dr. Robinson for her presentation.

3.2 Consolidated Services New Service Summary – Vice Principal Pfaff

We have been working since last June, on how to show what each department within LS does to support students, staff and families. Each department will be required to populate a template which will be posted on the Board website. Example of the Learning Services Coordinator template was shown. Supporting Students, Supporting Staff, Supporting Families and Coordinated Services. Each department will detail out how they support each of these areas.

3.3 Epi Pen Alert – Vice Principal Pfaff

Health Canada has reported that there is an issue with some EpiPens. Some of the protective outer labelling may prevent the EpiPen from being easily removed from the case. All Administrators were asked to check each of the Epi Pens provided by Learning Services to ensure they are readily accessible.

4.0 Trustee Board Report

Trustee Hunking: Trustees are reviewing board policies. We have a new Communication Manager starting on Tuesday, which will be a great help to get board information out to the community. EQAO results have been released, schools are reviewing their results.

Superintendent Black noted that an EQAO presentation will be made to SEAC in December. Also noted that we are one of three boards in the area trending improvement in mathematics in EQAO results. We have also maintained long standing reading and literacy results.

5.0 Board Announcements and Updates

- Memo #08: Lions Screening
- Memo #09: ABA Team Consult Referral Process
- Memo #10: Student Support Team Consult Referral Process
- Memo #11: Ontario Autism Project Requests
- Memo #12: Gifted Program Grades 7-10
- Memo #13: Gifted Module #1 Full Access
- Memo #14: BMS Training for Newly Hired Educational Assistants
- Workshop Advisory #05: Choosin' Inclusion' with Shelley Moore
- Memo #16: Coaching to Inclusion 2018
 - Invitations to this event were sent to SEAC members.

6.0 Association Reports

Community Living St. Marys & Area:

Create a Smile Foundation in partnership with Community Living St. Marys and Area is proud to announce the 15th Annual Create a Smile Walkathon which will be held on October 14th, 2018, 2pm-4pm at the Milt Dunnell Field (The Flats) in St. Marys. The money raised is used to pay for things that enhance the lives of people with developmental disabilities, their families and the communities they live in. This

includes essential items not covered by government funding, some mobility & communication devices and summer supports for a number of people.

Re:Action4Inclusion Leadership Summit is Celebrating 10 years!

Save the Date: March 29th & March 30th 2019 to be held at the Kingsbridge Conference Centre & Institute, King City, Toronto

www.reaction4inclusion.com

Autism Ontario:

Walk for Autism in September was very successful. Families will each receive approximately \$250 for essential items not covered under other sources.

LDAO:

K. Morrison spoke about a course that is being offered by LDAO. It's called Partnering with Schools for Student Success: Effective Parent Advocacy. The next session starts October 15, 2018 [Link for more information](#).

7.0 Correspondence

None

8.0 Future Agenda Items

- AODA Update
- EQAO Update
- Special Education Plan
- Consolidated Services
- Program Update
- New Service Summary for board website

9.0 Date of Next Meeting

- November 7, 2018

Future Meetings:

- December 5, 2018
- January 16, 2019
- February 6, 2019
- March 6, 2019
- April 3, 2019
- May 8, 2019
- June 5, 2019

These dates are posted on the Board website.

10.0 Adjournment

Moved by K. Fox to adjourn.

The Special Education Advisory Committee meeting is adjourned at 5:45 pm.

**Committee Members
2018-2019**

Voting Members	Non-Voting Members	Alternate Members
Karen Morrison - Chair <i>Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario</i>	Ruth Lovell <i>Elementary Principal Rep</i>	
Katie Fox – Vice Chair <i>Community Living – South Huron & Area</i>	Helena Finch <i>Secondary Principal Rep</i>	
Robert Hunking <i>Trustee</i>	Kim Black <i>Superintendent of Education</i>	
Doug Pratley <i>Trustee</i>	Missy Pfaff <i>Vice Principal</i>	Lynette Geddes <i>Trustee</i>
Terri Sparling <i>Huron Perth Centre</i>	Jane Morris <i>Superintendent of Education</i>	Colleen Schenk <i>Trustee</i>
Stephanie Lee <i>Community Living – St.Marys & Area</i>		Val Milson <i>Huron Perth Centre</i>
Trevor McGregor <i>Community Living – Stratford & Area</i>		Jennifer Costello <i>Community Living St. Marys & Area</i>
Jan McCrea <i>Autism Ontario</i>		Peg Huettlin <i>Community Living Stratford & Area</i>
Carol Bennewies <i>Member at Large</i>		Doris Barkley <i>Autism Ontario</i>