



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

**Wednesday, November 7, 2018
4:00 pm – Maitland Room
Avon Maitland Education Centre**

Voting Members/

Alternates Present: D. Pratley, R. Hunking, P. Huettlin, C. Bennewies, K. Morrison, K. Fox, J. McCrea, S. Lee, T. Sparling,

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

Staff Present: Superintendent Black, Vice Principal Pfaff

Member Regrets: T. McGregor

Presenters: L. Scott IDBC Project Coordinator, Associate Superintendent Carter, Superintendent Baird-Jackson, D. Frier, HPSTS General Manager

Recorder: C. Trotter

1.0 Routine Matters

1.1 Approval of the Agenda

Moved by K. Fox, seconded by C. Bennewies
That the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

1.2 Approval of SEAC Minutes – October 3, 2018

Moved by P. Huettlin, seconded by D. Pratley
That the minutes be approved as presented.

CARRIED

2.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

2.1 SEAC Membership – Superintendent Black

Based on the last couple of presentations, we are in the midst of building a new SEAC committee. The committee was given a list of organizations represented on the committee from 2008-2009 to the current committee, as well as the list of organizations to whom letters of invitation have been sent. Nomination letters will be accepted up to November 23.

Superintendent Black noted the committee may have up to twelve (12) members, including 2 Trustees and members at large. We will be compiling a SEAC handbook for members. This is the last meeting as an official committee meeting. The following is required to be submitted to the Board of Trustees the following recommendation:

Recommendation for the January 22, 2019 Board Report that Trustees choose up to two (2) Members at Large. Moved by K. Fox seconded by S. Lee.

CARRIED

Superintendent Black's report will list the organizations who have applied to have a place on the AMDSB SEAC committee, which will go to the Board of Trustees for review. Trustee Pratley noted that SEAC should give Trustees give consideration that each new member serves the same four (4) year term as Trustees.

Recommendation to the Board of Trustees that consideration be given to continuity to Trustee assignment to the four (4) year term.

Moved by: T. Sparling, seconded by J. McCrea

CARRIED

It was noted that it's the Association, not the person, who represents the organization on SEAC.

2.2 Revised SEAC Meeting Dates for 2018-2019 – Superintendent Black

Vice Principal Pfaff noted there will be no meeting in January, until the new SEAC Committee is in place. The February meeting, will be held as a regular meeting with the new SEAC Committee, and as a training date. Pathways Night is being held on December 5, most SEAC members would like to attend.

Recommendation to cancel the December 5, 2018 meeting, so members can attend the Pathways Night.

Moved by K. Morrison, seconded by K. Fox

CARRIED

In place of the December in-person meeting, we will hold a teleconference meeting with members. This date has been set as November 26, 2018. Members will be contacted and given teleconference information.

3.0 New Business

3.1 Identity Based Data Collection – L. Scott, Project Coordinator

The Board chose to go with student Identity Based Data Collection, so we can better understand our students, which falls under the Learning Services Equity work. We were able to hire Laura Scott who is our Project Coordinator.

Laura presented a [video](#), which explains the process.

All schools will have received a poster: I Am Me to display and explain the data collection process.

[Link](#) to information regarding the survey on the Board's website.

Outcomes are to better understand and respond to our diverse student populations and communities, respond to barriers, enhance the creation and distribution of programs and services.

The survey is confidential, but not anonymous. Students will need to input their student login information, along with their date of birth. Only approved system staff will have access to the information. There will be a media release on November 20, 2018. During January we will undertake data analysis and in February the reports will be written.

Survey was created under the direction of the Ministry of Education and has been vetted by the Anti-Racism Directorate.

Once the data is collected, it will be compared with student achievement data. This information will assist AMDSB in achieving its strategic priorities.

3.2 AODA Update – Superintendent Baird Jackson, D. Frier HPSTS General Manager (AODA Co-Chairs)

Superintendent Black introduced Superintendent Baird Jackson and HPSTS General Manager D. Frier, who are Co-Chairs of the AMDSB Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities (AODA) Committee. Both explained the AODA Multi-Year Accessibility Plan 2018 2023. It's important to note that not all disabilities are physical/visible.

[Link](#) to the Board's information on AODA and the Plan.

D. Frier: poster: Words Make a Difference, which uses gender neutral language. Hope to have a series of posters in a campaign. This is the Board's third five year plan. This is available online, for everyone to read, in whichever format they require. Purpose of the plan is to address barriers in education that prevent students and children from reaching their full potential. The Ministry has made note of the good work AMDSB staff have completed to ensure all buildings are up to code. This is especially important since this drives funding. Superintendent Baird Jackson explained the document highlighted a few constructions projects at some of AMDSB schools. She also spoke about the upcoming renovation of Stratford Central S.S. The 1958 wing of the school will be removed and rebuilt, installing an elevator, all depending on approval of the Ministry for funding.

Superintendent Black noted there is accessibility information in our Special Education Plan.

Chair Morrison thanked Superintendent Baird Jackson and Manager Frier for their presentation.

4.0 Trustee Board Report

Trustee Pratley attended the Shelley Moore presentation on October 26 in Stratford and was very impressed with her enthusiasm for inclusive education. Other SEAC members who attended were also impressed and have taken her information and videos back to their organizations.

5.0 Board Announcements and Updates

- a. Memo #17: 2018-2019 Behaviour Management Systems (BMS) Training Schedule
- b. Memo #18: First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Funds
- c. Memo #19: Gifted Program Grades 7&8 Module 2A Information
- d. Memo #20: SEAC Membership Drive
- e. Memo #21: Identity Based Data Collection
- f. Memo #22: Treaties Recognition Week
- g. Memo #23: Identity Based Data Collection Implementation
- h. Workshop Advisory #06: Assessment Training
- i. Workshop Advisory #07: Lexia Core Training

6.0 Association Reports

Huron Perth Centre: Family focus session, date to be decided. Social Ecological training with Dr Unger was very well received.

Community Living St. Marys & Area:

UPCOMING MEETING OR CONFERENCES:

Re:Action4Inclusion Leadership Summit for Youth 10th Anniversary March 29 & 30th, 2019. The flyer is now available. Spaces are limited.

Note: Two AMDSB students are members of the Re:Action4Inclusion Youth Advisory Council.

Together, We're Better Contest – Community Living Ontario. See attached flyer.

NEW INITIATIVES:

Re:Action4Inclusion Community Conversations – Inclusion & Diversity Workshop Series. Four local youth have recently learned to co-facilitate this workshop series

OTHER INFORMATION:

Community Living St. Marys and Area's 15th Annual Create A Smile Walk-a-thon has raised \$18,066 to date. We thank everyone for their support.

7.0 Correspondence

a. Letter from Peterborough Northumberland & Clarington Catholic DSB to Minister of Education Lisa Thompson

Associate Superintendent Carter explained this letter. The board is asking for the Ministry review the funding formula, which they feel is not equitable. Discussion held about the number of claims the board is submitting.

Future Agenda Items

- EQAO Update
- Special Education Plan
- Consolidated Services
- Program Update

- Membership Roles & Regulations
- Update on Stratford Central renovations

8.0 Date of Next Meeting

- November 26, 2018 (Teleconference meeting)

Future Meetings:

- February 6, 2019 (**No meeting in January**)
- March 6, 2019
- April 3, 2019
- May 8, 2019
- May 29, 2018
- June 5, 2019

These dates are posted on the Board website.

9.0 Adjournment

Moved by T. Sparling to adjourn.

Superintendent Black thanked retiring Trustee Pratley for his years of service to the committee and our students.

Trustee Pratley thanked the committee and noted the great work the AMDSB SEAC Committee does on behalf of our students.

The Special Education Advisory Committee meeting is adjourned at 6:10 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 <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>	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>
Jan McCrea <i>Autism Ontario</i>		Doris Barkley <i>Autism Ontario</i>
Carol Bennewies <i>Member at Large</i>		