

Agenda

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, November 16, 2017 BOARDROOM 6:30 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

Chairperson: Kelly Smigielski Vice-chairperson: Maria Castiglione

TRUSTEES/MEMBERS WHO ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING ARE ASKED TO PLEASE NOTIFY SUSAN MARIUTTI, (705) 748-4861 ext. 227.

A. Call to Order:

1. Opening Prayer: Ruth Ciraulo

We acknowledge that we are meeting on the traditional territory of the Mississauga Anishinaabe People.

- 2. Approval of Agenda
- 3. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest
- Excusal from Attendance
 R.A. That, _______ be excused from attendance at the November 16,
 2017 Special Education Advisory Committee meeting.
- 5. Approval of the Minutes of the October 19, 2017 meeting (A.5 attached)
- 6. Business Arising from the Minutes

B. Recommended Actions/Presentations:

- 1. Remarks: Chairperson
- 2. Job Quest Program (Jennifer Edwards, Community Living Employment Supports Counsellor)
- 3. Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) In the Classroom (Sharon Davenport, Itinerant Teacher for Autism Support)
- 4. Remarks: Superintendent of Schools/Special Education
- 5. EQAO (Education Quality and Accountability Office) and OSSLT (Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test) Results (Anne Marie Duncan)
- 6. Working Group: Wording/content for communication with parents

- 7. Special Olympics attending an event or opening ceremonies
 - R.A. That the opportunity to attend the Special Olympics in Peterborough March 2018, will fulfill the requirement of the 10th Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) meeting for the 2017-2018 school year.
- 8. Report from SEAC members

Michelle Montague

Kerry's Place Autism Services

Information attached.

Kelly Smigielski

Grandview Children Centre

- Last week, the Grandview sign was unveiled at the future location of the new Grandview in Ajax. The property is located on Harwood Ave. N. and consists of approx. 5 acres to house the new facility.
- Tim Horton's donated \$136,081, proceeds from the recent Smile Cookie campaign
- Grandview Kids Gala is being held this Saturday at Deer Creek in Ajax.
- C. Information Items:
- D. Old Business:
- E. New Business:
- F. Next Meeting:
 - Thursday, January 18, 2018
 Boardroom, Catholic Education Centre 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.
 - 2. Agenda Items:
 - 1) Be Well Strategy
 - 3. Selection of Member for Opening/Closing Prayer:

Future Meetings

Thursday, January 18, 2018 Thursday, February 15, 2018 Thursday, March 22, 2018 Thursday, May 17, 2018 Thursday, June 21, 2018 Tour/PD Session to be determined

G. Conclusion:

- 1. Closing Prayer: Ruth Ciraulo
- 2. Adjournment.



Upcoming Kerry's Place Autism Services Workshops and Group Learning Sessions (GLS)

My Child Has an ASD Diagnosis....Now What? (GLS)

This Group Learning Session is intended for families whose child has received a diagnosis of ASD in the past year. It is often difficult to find information and support regarding Autism; this session will focus on community resources, understanding ASD and what it means to you and your family.

Date: Thursday, November 16, 2017

Time: 12:30pm — 2:30 pm

Location: Oshawa Public Library 250 Beatrice Street East, Oshawa, ON L1G 7T6

Self-Regulation Using the "Zones" (GLS)

For most of us, controlling our emotions and body comes fairly naturally. However some people with self-regulation difficulties lack this innate ability to think through and succeed in everyday situations. Based on the Zones of Regulation program designed by Leah Kuypers, M. A. Ed., OTR/L, this group learning session aims to help individuals gain skills in the area of self-regulation. The learning activities are designed to help individuals recognize when they're in the different Zones (states of alertness/moods) as well as learn how to use strategies to regulate the Zone they are in. Zones' training provides strategies to teach individuals to become more aware of and independent in controlling their emotions and impulses, managing their sensory needs and improving their ability to problem solve conflicts. Practical ideas are provided that can easily be incorporated into most environments.

Date: Tuesday, November 21, 2017

Time: 5:30 to 7:30 pm

Location: 5 Counties Children's Centre:

872 Dutton Rd., Peterborough, ON

Grandparents & ASD

This workshop will provide participants with a current understanding of ASD and the impact this diagnosis has on the family. Ways to support your children and keep open lines of communication as well as suggestions for connecting and establishing the best possible relationship with your grandchild will be covered. Participants will be provided with resources to find support for themselves and family members.

Presenter: Jennifer Cantello Daw

Location: Whitby Public Library- 405 Dundas St W, Whitby

Date: Thursday, November 23, 2017

Time: 12:30pm to 3:30pm

Communication & Behaviour

This workshop will help individuals identify challenging behaviours and their impact on communication. As well, individuals will be introduced to strategies to target these behaviours and enhance communication effectiveness including the use of visual supports and strategies to become a better communication partner.

Presenter: Natalie Beechey

Location: Whitby Public Library- 405 Dundas St W, Whitby

Date: Monday, November 27, 2017

Time: 9:30am to 12:30 pm

Special Education Advocacy

This workshop is designed to provide parents, teachers, and service providers with the knowledge and information they need about the special education system in order to advocate effectively. Topics include: The IEP, Transition Plans, ABA methods, The Rules of Advocacy, The Special Education Program, The Duty to Accommodate, The School Meeting, Effective Negotiation, Preventing Conflict, Needs Statements, IPRCs and the Appeal Process.

Presenter: Karen Robinson

Location: Cobourg Community Centre - 750 D'Arcy Street, Cobourg (Spoolon Room)

Date: Wednesday, November 29, 2017

Time: 9:30am- 3:30pm

Using ABA Strategies to Increase Independence

The term Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) has become widely known, however in my experience people have different understandings of what this term means. In this workshop ABA strategies that can help strengthen skills of children with autism will be discussed. These strategies include; prompting, shaping, chaining and task analysis.

Presenter: Leslie Vella

Location: Whitby Public Library- 405 Dundas St W, Whitby (Meeting Room 1A)

Date: Saturday, December 9, 2017

Time: 9:30am to 12:30pm