

Agenda

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, Oct 15, 2020

Google Meet Link: <https://meet.google.com/oud-drdi-apu?authuser=0>

6:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

Chairperson: Arlene Godby Vice-chairperson: Melissa Gillespie

TRUSTEES/MEMBERS WHO ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING ARE
ASKED TO PLEASE NOTIFY ALEXA PURVES, (705) 748-4861 ext. 1213

A. Call to Order:

1. Opening Prayer: Clare Patterson
2. Land Acknowledgment: Claire Patterson
As we continue to learn together in these exceptional circumstances, I (we) would like to acknowledge, as we do at school, that this land on which we live and learn daily, is the traditional territory of the Michi Saagig (Mississauga) Anishnaabe. All of PVNC Catholic District School Board lies within the Williams Treaty territory and we are all Treaty people. We offer our gratitude to the First Peoples of this land who continue to care for, and share their teachings about, our earth and our relations. May we honour those teachings.
3. Motion to Approve Agenda
4. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest
5. Motion for Excusal from Attendance
R.A. That, be excused from attendance at the Oct 15, 2020 Special Education Advisory Committee meeting.
6. Motion for Approval of the Minutes of the Sept 17, 2020 Meeting.
7. Business Arising from the Minutes:

B. Recommended Actions/Presentations:

1. Remarks: Chairperson (Arlene)
2. Remarks: Superintendent of Learning (*Laurie Corrigan, Superintendent of Learning/ Special Education*)
3. Update from Trustees:
4. Special Education Plan Review Laura Dilanni
5. Third Party Providers Dr. Cynthia Chan Reynolds

C. Discussion Items:

1. From presentation:
 - What are the key learnings from the presentation?
 - What do parents need to know?
 - What options exist to get this information to parents?
 - How can SEAC support parents in this process?
 - What can your associations/organizations add specifically to the learning today if any?

D. Information Items:

1. Reports from SEAC Committee Members:

Kelly Smigilski
Grandview Children's Centre

- With respect to the new build of Grandview in Ajax, they are in the process of collecting and evaluating RFP's to determine the top three by Feb. 2021
- Construction will set to begin in Nov 2021 with a two year completion target
- Parent workshops for various topics continue to be held virtually
- Current employment opportunities include Occupational Therapist and System Support Specialist

Shawna Belcort
Community Living Trent Highlands

- CLTH Family Support Program updates; we are still deployed in our residential programs (talk of re-entry plan not confirmed yet)
- We continue to connect with families for check ins, completing forms, making referrals, short term planning, problem solving, virtual meetings, outside meetings if face to face is critical, applying and managing respite funds, assisting with transition to school, advocacy, crisis support, transition planning for O.D.S.P. and D.S.O. Many intakes and although the application for intake can be completed, we are not currently able to bring them in to service at this time.
- A survey was completed and shared with families regarding challenges they are currently facing.
- Biking program called [Peterborough moves](#) - we have linked one student to this program.
- Also, information for families that the one-time gov't payment of \$600.00 is supposed to start Oct 30, 2020 for individuals who qualify for the DTC (Disability Tax Credit).
- Downtown Youth Space Program (see A1 attached)

Arlene Godby
Autism Ontario

- [Autism Ontario October 2020 Report](#)

2. Final Recruitment Phase for SEAC/Superintendent Participants in Study on Vision for School-Based Rehabilitation Therapy Services- Queens University
[SEAC Members Recruitment Letter - Queens](#)
[Letter of Information for Focus Group Members - Queens](#)

3. Durham District School Board Correspondence: Request for Fall 2020 Process Exemption: Special Incidence Portion Submission Requirements ([Durham Letter](#))
4. [Ontario Autism Program: Foundational Family Services](#) – New needs based program includes broad range of services/supports to meet individual needs of family or child/youth.

E. Old Business:

F. New Business:

2020/2021 Impact of SEAC members - Be Well Strategy

G. Next Meeting:

1. 2020-2021 Meeting Dates:

Thursday, November 19, 2020 - Equity, Anti-Racism, Anti-Discrimination

Thursday, January 14, 2021 - Transition Elem. to Secondary and Post-Secondary

Thursday, February 18, 2021 - School and Community Collaboration

Thursday, March 25, 2021 - Mental Health Strategies and Supports for Students

Thursday, April 29, 2021 - Role of EA Facilitator and Itinerant EAs

Thursday, May 27, 2021 - Teacher of the Blind

Thursday, June 17, 2021 - Role of the Special Education Consultant

Budget & Spec. Ed. Staffing, and Special Education Plan Review

10th Meeting PD/TBD

Location: Board office and virtually

Time: 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Next Meeting Prayer:

H. Conclusion:

1. Closing Prayer: Laura Dilanni

2. Adjournment.