
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, May 27, 2021

Google Meet Link: meet.google.com/fmd-odza-esb

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 VICKI BLAKELY (705) 748-4861 EXT. 1213
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A. Call to Order:

1. Land Acknowledgment: Laurie Corrigan
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.
2. Opening Prayer: Laurie Corrigan
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 May 27, 2021 Special Education Advisory Committee meeting.
6. Motion for Approval of the Minutes of the April 29, 2021 Meeting.
7. Business Arising from the Minutes:

B. Recommended Actions/Presentations:

1. Remarks: Chairperson, Arlene Godby

2. Remarks: Superintendent of Learning/Special Education Services, Laurie Corrigan
3. Update from Trustees
4. [Special Education Plan](#) Review and Ministry Checklist – June SEAC Meeting

C. Discussion Items:

A. SEAC Meeting Presentations:

1. Teacher of the Blind – Theresa Godin, Itinerant Teacher, Blind Education

From Presentations:

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

B. Correspondence Items:

1. PVNCCDSB Draft Letter to Minister of Education

C. Information Items:

1. Autism Ontario – Update
2. Down Syndrome Association of Peterborough – Update
3. Grandview Kids – Update

D. Old Business:

1. PAAC Survey Recommendations from previous [Minutes of March 25, 2021](#)

E. New Business:

D. Next Meeting:

1. **2020-2021 Meeting Dates:**

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

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

Location: Virtually

Time: 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

2. Selection of Members for Territorial Recognition, Opening and Closing Prayers

E. Conclusion:

1. Closing Prayer: Laurie Corrigan
2. Adjournment

Autism Ontario

Game Night

Adults on the spectrum are invited to join [Autism Ontario](#) on **Saturday, May 22nd for a GAME NIGHT** to play Family Feud led by Teambonders! The game will focus on teams working together in virtual meeting rooms, in real time, to submit an overall 'group' answer. We want you to collaborate, socialize, and have fun! Register here: <https://bit.ly/33NwFQP>

OAP Sessions

1. Do you have questions about OAP expense reconciliation? Our Service Navigators are offering virtual "How to Submit Your OAP Expenses" Information Sessions that will cover tips and tricks on managing your funds, eligible expense headings and subcategories, and how to fill out the online expense form. Please register for the session that is convenient for you! <https://bit.ly/2Xg0tDo>
2. Want to learn more about how to maximize your Interim One-Time Funding? Or about how to complete the OAP Expense form and apply for a second round of funding? We've added several information sessions which you can find on our events page! https://www.autismontario.com/events?custom_326=East...

Webinars

1. Join us on May 28 for our webinar "**Technical Safety Online - Do's and Don'ts**" with Sarah Southey, Nicole Lisi and self advocate Katie Sedej. This webinar is geared at helping adolescents with autism understand potential online safety issues. We will walk through the topics of red flags, privacy, online friends, and buying and selling items online. Register Here: <http://bit.ly/Webinar-Cyber-Safety>
2. **Introduction Autism & Autism Ontario!** Learn about Autism Ontario services and supports, gain an understanding of autism, and connect with an Autism Ontario representative. Webinar for caregivers on Tuesday, May 25th at 12:00pm: <https://bit.ly/Autism-AutismOntario> and Webinar for professionals on Wednesday May 26th at 12:00pm: <https://bit.ly/Autism-AutismOntario-Professionals>

Virtual Support Group

Autism Moms is a new virtual support group being offered in the East Region. This support group is for mothers or mother figures who are looking for support and connection with other mothers who have children on the spectrum. It's a great opportunity to come together and talk about life's challenges, victories, and share resources in an informal setting. Autism Moms runs on the 4TH Thursday evening of each month. There will be a new topic of focus for each session and additional resources/ items will be sent to families following the session. Feel free to bring your favourite beverage/snack while we meet other moms!

When: May 27th, 2021 8:00 PM through 9:00 PM - Register

Here: <https://www.autismontario.com/civicrm/event/info?id=5446&fbclid=IwAR3zmlcSv67K-5QnwzoAAF7Qa9B7JFWYRssQ47ur1oOBrhIVIOCJoNcfHmc>

Down Syndrome Association Update

We are continuing to run our virtual program at this time. Through all of this we have continued to represent our membership in all ways we can, including supporting the rollout of vaccinations of those with Down syndrome and their caregivers. Happy to report that members have shared their success with booking and receiving their vaccinations. We are tentatively planning for some in person program for once restrictions lift and it is deemed safe to do so.

Grandview News:

*Grandview Kids and Infrastructure Ontario (IO) have invited three teams to respond to a request for proposals (RFP) to design, build and finance the Grandview Children's Treatment Centre Redevelopment project. These three teams were shortlisted based on criteria identified in a request for qualifications process that began in September 2020.

Now, teams will draft proposals that detail how they will deliver the project. Once submissions are received, IO and Grandview Kids will evaluate the proposals, select a preferred team and then negotiate a final contract. A successful bidder is expected to be announced in spring 2022. A fairness monitor will oversee the entire procurement process.

*Current job postings include: Team Assistant (Contract FT) and Therapeutic Recreation Nursing Student for Summer Camps

*Have you visited our 'Community Supports & Resources' page before? On this page we provide links to the websites of other agencies and organizations that have useful resources and information.

Today we are highlighting one of these organizations, [P4P Planning Network](#), which is a non-profit organization started by and for families with a relative with a disability. They provide support, seminars, and resources to help families create a good life and a safe, secure future for their loved ones.

*Many of Grandview's Physio and Occupational Therapists have created links with exciting activities for parents and their children, especially outdoor activities with the changing weather. As most therapists cannot visit their caseloads during the stay at home order, these activities are geared towards reaching their goals. You can find the links on the Grandview Kids Facebook page.