

Minutes

The Minutes of the Special Education Committee Meeting held on January 16, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Catholic Education Centre.

PRESENT

Members: Shawna Belcourt, Clare Paterson, Kelly Smigielski, Melissa Gillespie, Arlene Godby, Laura Quibell, Sandra Scott

Absent (by motion): Helen McCarthy, Emmanuel Pinto

Administration: Laurie Corrigan

Recorder: Theresa Greavette

A. Call to Order:

1. Opening Prayer

Laurie led the group in prayer.

2. Land Acknowledgement

I would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather today is the traditional territory of the Mississauga Anishinaabe First Nations and that we live and work in the 1923 Williams Treaty area. I also acknowledge the enduring presence and deep traditional knowledge, laws and philosophies of the Indigenous People with whom we share this land today.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion: The agenda be approved as presented.

Carried

4. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

None noted.

5. Excusal from Attendance

Motion: Helen McCarthy and Emmanuel Pinto be excused from attendance at the January 16, 2020 Special Education Advisory Committee meeting.

Carried

6. Approval of the Minutes of the November 21, 2019 meeting.

Motion: The Minutes be approved as presented.

Carried

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

None noted.

B. Recommended Actions/Presentations:

1. Remarks: Chairperson (Arlene)

Anita Arnold has stepped down from the SEAC committee; Sandra Scott has been nominated to serve on SEAC representing the Down Syndrome Association of Peterborough.

We are looking for a representative from SEAC to serve on the Accessibility for All committee. The next meeting is February 4 from 1:15pm to 2:45pm. Anyone interested and available is asked to please advise Arlene.

2. Remarks: Superintendent of Learning/Special Education

Laurie provided an update with respect to Labour relations and reminded the committee that the most current information is posted on our website.

We received a letter from the Durham District School Board regarding the Minister's Advisory Council on Special Education (MACSE) which advises the Minister of Education on any matter related to the establishment and provision of special education programs and services for students with special education needs, including the identification and provision of early intervention programs. Laurie contacted MACSE and was advised they met last November.

3. Update from Trustees

None.

4. PAAC Survey (see A.1 attached to agenda)

The committee completed the online survey individually.

5. PPM 149 – Partnership Agreements with External Agencies (Lia Jenner)

The purpose of PPM149 is to promote effective community-based partnerships with external agencies that foster continuous improvement in the delivery of services for all students in our schools. It provides direction to school boards concerning the review and/or development of a local protocol for partnerships with external agencies for the provision of services in Ontario schools by regulated health professionals, social services professionals, and paraprofessionals within our schools. Partnerships are expected to enhance the quality of the education and supplement, not replace, the education delivered at PVNC. The Board committee meets 1-2 times/year to identify potential new partners, review agreements and review the process for completing formal partnership agreements.

C. Discussion Items:

The committee discussed the key learnings from the presentation and how parents are made aware of this information.

D. Information Items:

1. Durham DSB Letter to Minister Re: MACSE, December 20, 2019 (see A.2.attached to agenda)

2. Reports from SEAC members:

Arlene Godby
Autism Ontario - Peterborough Chapter

- Autism Ontario Responds to Announcement Regarding Implementation of the Needs-Based Program
<https://www.autismontario.com/news/autism-ontario-responds-announcement-regarding-implementation-needs-based-program>
- Public Health Agency of Canada Announces Autism Ontario Awarded Strategic Fund to Support Autistic Adults and their Families in Ontario
<https://www.autismontario.com/news/public-health-agency-canada-announces-autism-ontario-awarded-strategic-fund-support-autistic>
- To read Autism Ontario's Position Statements on Education, please visit
<https://www.autismontario.com/autism-ontarios-education-position-statement>

E. Old Business:

F. New Business:

G. Next Meeting:

Thursday, February 20, 2020 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Boardroom, Catholic Education Centre

Agenda: Accessibility, Contingencies, Inclusion, Integration 2025 (Gerard Winn and Richard Driscoll)

Opening / closing prayer - Melissa Gillespie

Future Meetings & Presentation Topic:

March 26, 2020 Program Updates (Special Education & LSS) & Section 23

April 16, 2020 Math, Math & DLD, EQAO

May 21, 2020 Transition Elementary to Secondary; Secondary to Community

June 18, 2020 Budget & Spec. Ed. Staffing, Special Education Plan Review

Tour/PD To be determined

G. Conclusion:

1. Closing Prayer: Arlene closed the meeting with prayer.
2. Adjournment
Motion: The meeting be adjourned.

Carried