



Peterborough Victoria  
Northumberland and Clarington  
Catholic District School Board

# Agenda

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## SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, November 15, 2018

BOARDROOM

6:30 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

Chairperson: Kelly Smigielski

Vice-chairperson: Maria Castiglione

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

1. Opening Prayer: Arlene  
We acknowledge that we are meeting on the traditional territory of the Mississauga Anishinaabe
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest
4. Excusal from Attendance  
R.A. That, \_\_\_\_\_ be excused from attendance at the November 15, 2018 Special Education Advisory Committee meeting.
5. Approval of the Minutes of the October 18, 2018 meeting (*A.5 attached*)
6. Business Arising from the Minutes

### B. Recommended Actions/Presentations:

1. Remarks: Chairperson (*Kelly Smigielski*)
2. Remarks: Superintendent of Learning/Special Education (*Anne Marie Duncan, Superintendent of Learning*)
3. Individual Education Plan (IEP) (*Maureen Potts, Special Education Consultant*)
4. Discussion: SEAC professional development/tour
5. Discussion: "Accessible Education for Students with Disabilities" Chapters 4, 5, 6, 7.  
[http://www.ohrc.on.ca/sites/default/files/Policy%20on%20accessible%20education%20for%20students%20with%20disabilities\\_FINAL\\_EN.pdf](http://www.ohrc.on.ca/sites/default/files/Policy%20on%20accessible%20education%20for%20students%20with%20disabilities_FINAL_EN.pdf) (*Anne Marie Duncan, Superintendent of Learning*)

6. Report from SEAC members

**Kelly Smigielski**

Grandview Children Centre

- November 6<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, 2 sessions of “Motivation 101: An Introduction to Motivating Children with ASD through Reinforcement.
- November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 6 – 11 pm, Grandview’s Pure Imagination Gala
- Winter registration opens for therapeutic recreation on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018. See program section on website for details.

**Anita Arnold**

Down Syndrome Association of Peterborough (DSAP)

- November 1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 is Down Syndrome Awareness Week. In recognition of this, we have a few of our “littlest” members photo’s displayed on 3 buses across the city, so be sure to be keep your eyes peeled!
- Norma Christensen has been elected as our new Board Chair for the 2018-2019 term. Norma is a retired social worker and mother of a 27 year old young man who has Down Syndrome. Norma has been an active member of the board for several years and has been involved with the agency for over 12 years.
- Annual DREAMS Conference at Great Wolf Lodge was a success with 182 people attending
- DSAP first annual Down Syndrome Awareness Fun Walk in Lakefield was a huge success and raised \$20, 306
- Wee Ups & Downs program meets once per month
- New music program through Studio 505 on Saturday afternoons from 2:45 pm to 3:30 pm beginning November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 for ages age 1-6. Free to members
- New program “SkateABLE” – skating lessons for children with special needs at Northcrest Arena, Tuesday 4-4:50 pm, October 23 to December 11. Space still available. Winter program also being offered. For more information google SkateABLE Peterborough.
- “Extra Awesome” group for fine motor development runs the first Saturday each month from 10 am – 12 pm for children ages 3-7
- “breakdancing” program held once a month for children ages 5+
- “PALS” program runs once a month for ages 10+
- “Girls Friendship” group is in its 7<sup>th</sup> year and meets once a month
- “Moms Need Moms” group meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month, 6pm start. Location is determined one week in advance. If interested please contact the DSAP office for specific details.
- Ladies Pizza and Rustic Lane Sign Making is being held on Thursday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6pm – 9:30 pm. Free for DSAP members, \$45 for non-members. Come out for a great night! Space is limited.
- DSAP Christmas party will be held Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 at Northminster Church from 2 – 6 pm. Santa arrives at 4 pm.

**C. Information Items:**

1. Invitation to Board Inaugural Board Meeting and Mass *(C.1 attached)*
2. Copy of Down Syndrome Association Letter to Superintendent of Schools re: Supply staffing for Educational Assistants. *(C.2 attached)*
3. Copy of Down Syndrome Association Letter to Special Education Curriculum Chair at St. Peter Catholic Secondary School re: Supply staffing for Educational Assistants *(C.3 attached)*
4. Correspondence from Upper Grand District School Board SEAC re: support of Bill 44. *(C.4 attached)*

**D. Old Business:**

**E. New Business:**

**F. Next Meeting:**

1. **Next Meeting:**  
Thursday, January 17, 2019  
Catholic Education Centre  
6:30 – 9:00 p.m.
2. Agenda Items: Be Well Strategy
3. Selection of Member for Opening/Closing Prayer:

**Future Meetings**

Thursday, February 21, 2019	Attendance Statistics
Thursday, March 21, 2019	Applied Behaviour Analyst
Thursday, April 25, 2019	Special Education Support Staff
Thursday, May 30, 2019	Speech Language Pathology
Thursday, June 20, 2019	Psychology
Tour/PD Session	to be determined

**G. Conclusion:**

1. Closing Prayer: Arlene
2. Adjournment.



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# An Invitation to the Inaugural Board Meeting, Mass & Reception

**Tuesday, December 4, 2018**

4:00 p.m.

**Inaugural Board Meeting  
The Mount Community Centre  
“Auditorium”**

1545 Monaghan Road, Peterborough

5:30 p.m.

**Mass Celebrant:  
Most Reverend Daniel Miehm**  
BISHOP OF PETERBOROUGH

**Sisters of St. Joseph Chapel**  
1555 Monaghan Road, Peterborough

6:30 p.m.

**Reception**

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED

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Please RSVP by Monday, November 26, 2018 to Michelle Kennedy

**[mkennedy@pvnccdsb.on.ca](mailto:mkennedy@pvnccdsb.on.ca)** ❖ 705-748-4861, Ext. 247

PARKING MAP INCLUDED



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Years of Making Dreams Come True

October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018

Anne Marie Duncan  
Superintendent of Schools  
PVNCCDSB  
1355 Lansdowne Street West,  
Peterborough, Ontario  
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aduncan@pvnccdsb.on.ca.

Dear Ms. Duncan,

I am contacting you today as the President of the Down Syndrome Association of Peterborough, representing our membership, regarding supply staffing for Educational Assistants within your school board.

It has come to our attention that when Educational Assistants are absent from work, their positions are often going unfilled, leaving students without proper staffing. We are aware that in the past, in some instances, this has resulted in students not being able to participate in integrated classroom placements, and in all cases, that students are not able to benefit fully from their educational experience. We also have concerns about the safety of some students when programs are under staffed.

It would be appreciated if you could please provide us with any information on these circumstances, as well as what measures will be taken to remedy these shortfalls. We look forward to hearing back from you.

Sincere thanks,

Dan Moloney

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President, Down Syndrome Association of Peterborough



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October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018

Sandra Coyle  
Special Education Curriculum Chair  
St. Peter Secondary School  
730 Medical Drive,  
Peterborough, Ontario  
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scoyle@pvnccdsb.on.ca

Dear Ms. Coyle,

I am contacting you today as the President of the Down Syndrome Association of Peterborough, representing our membership, regarding supply staffing for Educational Assistants within your school.

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Dan Moloney  
President, Down Syndrome Association of Peterborough



**UPPER GRAND  
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**Carrie Proudfoot**

Chair, Special Education Advisory Committee

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October 10, 2018

Hon. Lisa M. Thompson  
Minister of Education  
22<sup>nd</sup> floor, Mowat Block  
900 Bay Street  
Toronto, Ontario  
M7A 1L2

Dear Hon. Lisa M. Thompson,

The Special Education Advisory Committee to the Upper Grand District School Board supports Grand Erie District School Board's Special Education Advisory Committees' request for support of Bill 44. We request that the Ministry of Education amend the Education Act so that every board shall promote awareness and understanding of permanent brain injury resulting for prenatal alcohol exposure, including best practices to support pupils who may have FASD. Furthermore, we would like this lifelong brain injury recognized as a neurodevelopmental disorder, diagnosed under Fetal Alcohol Disorder (FASD).

Thank you, we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Carrie Proudfoot  
Chairperson  
UGDSB Special Education Advisory Committee

Cc: Chairs of Ontario Special Advisory Committees

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**Upper Grand District School Board**

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• Marty Fairbairn; Vice-Chair

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• Kathryn Cooper  
• Bruce Schieck

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• Lynn Topping

• Martha MacNeil  
• Barbara White