

The Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Trustees/Members	Kylee Baker (Chairperson), Tiffany Thickson, Kathleen Tanguay, Clare Paterson, Stefanie Powers, Shawna Belcourt, Tiffany Thickson
Guests	Jeff Hockett
Absent/Regards	Kate Long
Administration Recorder	Jonathan Di Ianni, Karen Spenceley Ashleigh Faulkner

1. **Call to Order**

- a) Land Acknowledgement - Clare Paterson
- b) Opening Prayer - Kathleen Tanguay
- c) Approval of Agenda
MOTION: Moved by Clare Paterson, seconded by Shawna Belcourt that the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting agenda of February 26, 2025 be approved as presented.
Carried
- d) Declarations of Conflicts of Interest
There were none.
- e) Excusal from Attendance
None
- i) Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of January 23, 2025
MOTION: Moved by Shawna Belcourt seconded by Kathleen Tanguay, that the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting minutes of January 23, 2025 be approved as presented.
Carried

- f) Business Arising from the Minutes
There was none.

2. Recommended Actions/Presentations:

- a) Remarks: Chairperson, Kylee Baker
Welcomed everyone to the meeting
- b) Remarks: Superintendent Jonathan Di Ianni
Superintendent Di Ianni advised the committee, although we do not have the funding formula from the Ministry yet, there is a lot of prep work that is being done in preparation for this formula. Sean Heuchert and Teri Smith will be presenting this at May's meeting. We have a new Ministry funded position within the Special Education department which is a Transition Navigator.
- c) Update from Trustee: Kathleen Tanguay
The resolution was sent to the Ministry and the MACSE document was also submitted in February. Discussions have started around the use of lunchtime monitors and is currently being trialed in one of our schools.
- d) SBAP Presentation - Jeff Hockett and Karen Spenceley
Jeff Hockett and Karen Spenceley presented on our School Based Autism Program (SBAP). Within this program, students can be supported for up to 50% of their day with the remaining 50% of the day in their age appropriate mainstream classrooms. We currently have 4 SBAP locations. SBAP staff include SERT and ASDW. These staff are supported by the consultant, SLP, OT, and when needed a physiotherapist. The consultant reviewed the various programming within the SBAP room.

From the 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?
- VI. What should be sent out to families in the DID YOU KNOW from SEAC?

3. Information Items: (If there is any action/discussion that should be recorded)

a) PVNCCDSB Board of Trustee Minutes and Agendas

<https://www.pvnccdsb.on.ca/our-board/board-meetings/>

b) Organizational Updates

Tiffany Thickson (Highland Shores Children's Aid) - Discussed the volume of need they are seeing from the community and funding that is available.

Shawna Belcourt (Community Living Trent Highlands)- We are holding a forum for families who are interested in getting together and creating a group that will navigate funding sources, respite, recreational supports. Many events will be happening over March break.

Stephanie Powers (Down Syndrome Association) - We are preparing for World Down Syndrome Day, March 21st. We are also hosting a Bowl A Thon.

Kylee Baker (Alternatives Building Bridges Program) - We are continuing to work through our waitlist. We have started with transition plans and attend IPRC meetings with the families at the schools.

Clare Paterson (Northumberland Child Development Centre)- We have started our transition to school time and connecting with families.

4. Old Business:

a) MACSE - Jonathan Di Ianni

This was submitted to the Ministry on February 14, 2025.

b) Tentative Meeting topics for 2024-2025 Special Education Advisory Committee:

Date	Topic
September 26, 2024	Summer Learning
October 17, 2024	SESIPSAW/Building Brave, Equitable and Accessible Spaces/Special Education Plan
November 21, 2024	SLP's Augmentative Communication
December 12, 2024 (virtual)	Service Delivery/ Community Agencies
January 23, 2025 (virtual)	Family Nurse Partnership/Peterborough Public Health Presentation - Home Visiting Supports for Students
February 26, 2025 (virtual)	SBAP (including how it differs from CASA)
March 20, 2025	Special Education Plan
April 17, 2025	IEPs and IPRCs
May 22, 2025	Board Budget
June 19, 2025	

5. New Business:

None

6. Next Meeting:

a) Thursday, March 20, 2025 1 p.m. in person at CEC. Boardroom.

b) Selection of Members.

- I. Territorial Recognition - Jonathan Di Ianni
- II. Opening Prayer - Karen Spenceley
- III. Closing Prayer - Kathleen Tanguay

7. Conclusion:

a) Closing Prayer: Karen Spenceley

b) Motion for Adjournment

MOTION: Moved by Kathleen Tanguay seconded by Tiffany Thickson that the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting of February 26, 2025 be adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

Carried