

The Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting held on Thursday, January 23, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Trustees/Members Kylee Baker (Chairperson), Tiffany Thickson, Kathleen Tanguay, Clare Paterson, Kate Long, Shawna Belcourt, Stefanie Powers,

Guests Della Stewart-Figueria, Linda Gendron, Jeff Hockett

Absent/Regards Karen Spenceley

Administration Jonathan Di Ianni,
Recorder Ashleigh Faulkner

1. **Call to Order**

- a) Land Acknowledgement - Jonathan Di Ianni
- b) Opening Prayer - Kylee Baker
- c) Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Moved by Shawna Belcourt, seconded by Clare Paterson that the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting agenda of January 23, 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 December 12, 2024
MOTION: Moved by Shawna Belcourt seconded by Kathleen Tanguay, that the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting minutes of December 12, 2024 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 back from the break
- b) Remarks: Superintendent Jonathan Di Ianni
Superintendent Di Ianni welcomed the two presenters for today, Holly Newland, from Peterborough Public Health and Jeff Hockett, Special Education Consultant. A special thanks to all the SEAC Committee members that provided information to draft the OCSTA Resolution and thank you to Trustee Tanguay and the other Board Trustees for support.
- c) Update from Trustee: Kathleen Tanguay
Thank you all for the collaboration on this document. This information was shared with the Eastern Boards, and Trustees at Provincial level and OCTSA.
- d) Family Nurse Partnership/Peterborough Public Health Presentation - Holly Newlands
Holly Newlands presented on the Nurse Family Partnership which is a home visiting program for young, first time mothers who are experiencing social or economic disadvantage. This begins in early pregnancy and will continue until the child turns two. This program has been in place for two years now and multiple other health units have started the program. There is set criteria to determine eligibility for this program. If someone does not meet this criteria, there is another program that can be offered to them, which is the Healthy Babies, Healthy Children Program.
- e) Executive Functioning Presentation - Jeff Hockett
Jeff presented on Executive Functioning. He spoke about a list of Executive Function skills. He reviewed how students with certain exceptionalities may have some underdeveloped executive functioning skills. This can include students with Learning Disabilities (LD), Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). There have been professional development days to provide EF skills training to our Special Education Resource Teachers (SERT's).



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 Thicksen - The Therapeutic Family Care program is wrapping up at the end of January. The System Navigation program has historically been within Northumberland but it will be returning to Highland Shores .

Shawna Belcourt (Community Living Trent Highlands)- January 31st PA Day for highschool, they are offering pottery, laser tag and lunch at Kelseys for students. Starting tonight, there will be a learn to curl for 14-18 year olds. This program is running until March 6th.

Kate Long (Autism Ontario Volunteer SEAC Representative) - running a family bowling event the morning of the PA Day January 31st. Information can be found on the website. World Autism day is April 2nd. Celebrate the spectrum.

Kylee Baker (Alternatives Building Bridges Program) - Continue transition plan. Accepting applications with an IEP or doctor medical diagnosis. We continue to work through the waitlist. We will soon begin employment support presentations in March.

4. Old Business:

- a) OCSTA Resolution - Kathleen Tanguay

This document will include similar themes as our MASCE, which include the barrier of communication and the legislation that can help eliminate this barrier.

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) Wednesday, February 26, 2025 1 p.m. - Virtual
 - b) Selection of Members.
 - I. Territorial Recognition - Clare Paterson
 - II. Opening Prayer - Kathleen Tanguay
 - III. Closing Prayer - Shawna Belcourt

- 7. Conclusion:**
- a) Closing Prayer: Cynthia Chan Reynolds
 - b) Motion for Adjournment

MOTION: Moved by Kathleen Tanguay seconded by Tiffany Thickson that the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting of January 23, 2025 be adjourned at 2:28 p.m.
Carried