



# DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD ONTARIO NORTH EAST

**MINUTES** of the **Special Education Advisory Committee** held on **Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019** at the Schumacher Board Office.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Bob Brush	Trustee	
Val Fuller	Trustee	V/C NLBO
Cindy Pye-Reasbeck	Trustee	V/C KDHS
Christine Heavens	Chair, parent representative	
Samantha Shortt	Learning Disabilities of Ontario (LDAO) – Vice Chair	
Pamela Stager	Cochrane Timiskaming Resource Centre (CTRC)	
Lisa Lamarche	Community Living Timmins	

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS REGRETS:**

Alice Hearn-Flannigan VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Steve Pladzyk	Superintendent of Schools - Special Education
Patricia Chertow	System Lead of Special Education

**STAFF REGRETS:**

Lesleigh Dye	Director of Education
Denise Plante-Dupuis	Mental Health & Well-Being
Shawn Donovan	Vice Principal, THVS
Alison Fantin	Principal, KLDCS

**RECORDING SECRETARY:**

Lisa Nixon Executive Assistant to the Superintendent of Education, Steven Pladzyk

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at **12:03pm**.  
Video conferencing and round table introductions were made.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MOVED BY Bob Brush, SECONDED BY Pamela Stager THAT** the agenda be approved.

**CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**MOVED BY Cindy Pye-Reasbeck, SECONDED BY Lisa Lamarche THAT** the minutes of **April 3, 2019** be approved.

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING:**

Review of the May 8, 2019 informal meeting notes with no comments or changes.

Indigenous SEAC representative (replacement of Anne Commando) to be determined at a later date.  
Trustee Brush inquired about the age limit for an Indigenous Representative for SEAC and if the Indigenous Student Trustee can be a possibility.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** (the following items were briefly discussed)

- Ottawa-Carleton District School Board
- Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board
- Durham District School Board
- Peel District School Board

E-learning discussed and Trustee Brush commented that 40% of students don't even complete the e-learning courses which makes it difficult to approve as a requirement for Secondary Schools.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

Special Education Board Plan for 2019-2020 (draft)

- Checklist copy was provided to all present at the Schumacher Board Office and sent electronically to SEAC members.
- Electronic Motion will be done to approve the final draft of the Special Education Board Plan for 2019-2020 by the end of June as the deadline to submit to the Ministry is July 31, 2019.
- Questions arose about the Mental Health and Well-Being not included in the Special Education Board Plan. There are several references throughout the document that refer to the well-being of students but not a section of its own.

#### **TRUSTEE REPORT:**

Trustees are currently organizing a retreat – Aug 19 and 20, 2019:

##### **Three Parts included in the retreat:**

1. Evaluation Process of the Director of Education – Trustees' only employee – yearly evaluation (Merit Pay).
2. Efficacy Report – How well the Board is doing.
3. Out of the hat – Trustees will put comments into a hat that will be anonymous and discussed.

Trustee Brush commented that the Board is very pleased with the Director of Education and Senior Admin staff. The Board's goal is to make learning a priority.

#### **AGENCY REPORTS:**

- **CTRC** – no updates
- **LDAO** ran out of funding – Office will be closed as of June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and they are working on getting funding to reopen in September.
- **Community Living Timmins** is developing a transition plan for children with special needs entering into school. Also looking at having each child in childcare go through a Developmental screener and if any red flags, they can be referred to the appropriate agencies within the community. This will benefit the student when entering school as their needs will be known and appropriate programs/equipment can be put in place.

#### **SPECIAL EDUCATION TEAM UPDATES:**

Superintendent Pladzyk discussed the 2 video links previously sent to SEAC members with the agenda.

Survey to be prepared for SEAC members to provide feedback about SEAC meetings. This will be emailed to all members.

##### ***Two main documents from the Ministry:***

- Funding announcements
- Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) – supported by the Board

Superintendent Pladzyk will develop a State of the Union address on Special Education – Summer 2019 and present to the Board for the new school year.

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

Oral Language Summer Camp Data Update – Fall 2019

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED BY Lisa Lamarche THAT** the meeting be adjourned at **1:05pm**.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: September 2019, Schumacher Board Office.**