

**GREATER ESSEX COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
REPORT OF THE
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Special Education Advisory Committee meeting was held on **Tuesday, June 12, 2018** at the Administration Office.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Connie Buckler, Trustee

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Kim McKinley, Trustee

Monica Gilles, Windsor Essex County Down Syndrome Association

Beth Cook, Indigenous Community ±FNMI

Mary-Ann Fuduric, Learning Disabilities Association of Windsor-Essex County

Jan Matte-Gasparovic, Autism Ontario

BOARD PERSONNEL:

Lynn McLaughlin ±Superintendent

Tracey Rilett ±OPC Elementary Representative

Melissa Debryne, OPC Secondary Representative

Mike Wilcox ±Supervising Principal of Special Education Services

REGRETS:

Anna Jurak, Brain Injury Association, Windsor/Essex County

JoAnn Percy, Home and School Associations

Judy Kraemer ±Canadian Hearing Society

ABSENT:

Susan Smith, Community Living

RECORDER:

Peggy Russette

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: M. Fuduric

Seconded by: K. Wilson

That SEAC approve the agenda for June 12, 2018.

The motion was carried

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

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We have had much PD opportunities for educational support staff this year. K. Wilson explained a program called "5 H W R S L D" Z K L F K L V to support students with developmental disabilities in reading. She requested this be considered for GECDSB students.

Recommendation to board of trustees to approve the plan

Moved by: J. Matte Gasparovic

Seconded by: M. Fuduric

The motion was carried

7. Special Education Update

Connections ±do not know about funding yet.

ODA 2018-19 Plan was shared by Superintendent McLaughlin ±prepared by Superintendent Cathy Lynd after consultation. It identifies renovations at different schools (accessibility/washrooms/door openers, etc).

Conscious Classrooms ±GAINS and STEPS classrooms (teacher and one DSW) will be trained as well as system level staff. The first training date will be at the beginning of October. We will be gathering data and providing a report at end of the school year. K. Wilson stated she was proud of the board for beginning this and that the evidence on this program is amazing. She thanked the Special Education team and trustees for looking outside of the box. L. McLaughlin shared that Conscious Care is in place with Windsor Community Living already.

MAPS ±The program is ready to go at LDSS. The classroom space has been established, curriculum and technology are being put in place prior to the fall.

B. Cook inquired about support for the Indigenous community. L. McLaughlin shared that she and Dr. Saunders had attended two meetings of the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee (IEAC) and we are planning three evening sessions next year to engage the parent/guardian community. IEAC recommended a flyer be prepared with all dates/times/locations and workshop details to be shared in the fall to allow for advanced notice and planning.

8. New Business