

GREATER ESSEX COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Special Education Advisory Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at the Administration Office, 451 Park St. West, Windsor, Ontario. This meeting was held in-person and virtually via Microsoft Teams.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Nancy Armstrong, Trustee

Kim McKinley, Trustee

Joanna Conrad, Windsor-Essex Down Syndrome Association

Tim McCarthy, Autism Ontario

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

Chelsey Lackovic, Home and School Association

Sarah Yang, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder/Ontario Network of Expertise

Martha Vukov, Community Living Windsor-Essex County

BOARD PERSONNEL

Mike Wilcox, Superintendent of Special Education Services

Kristie Sweet, Supervising Principal of Special Education Services

Marc Crundwell, Supervisor of Psychological Services

Theresa Williams, OPC Secondary Representative

ABSENT

Louise Cervini, Indigenous Community Representative

REGRETS

Bette Turner, Home and School Association

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m.

2. Land Acknowledgement

*We acknowledge that we are on land and surrounded by water, originally inhabited by Indigenous Peoples who have travelled this area since time immemorial. This territory is within the lands honoured by the Wampum Treaties; agreements between the Anishinaabe (*Ah-nish-e-naa-bay*), Haudenosaunee (*Hoe-den-oh-show-nee*), Leni (*Len-eh*) Lenape (*Le-naw-pay*) and allied Nations to peacefully share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. Specifically, we would like to acknowledge the presence of the Three Fires Confederacy, Ojibwe (*Oh-jib-way*), Odawa (*Oh-dah-wah*), Potawatomi (*Paw-taw-watt-oh-me*) and Huron/Wendat (*Wen-dat*) Peoples. We are dedicated to honouring Indigenous history and culture while remaining committed to moving*

3. Approval of Agenda
Moved by: K. McKinley
Seconded by: N. Armstrong
That SEAC approve the agenda for March 7, 2023 The motion was carried

4. Approval of Minutes
Moved by: T. McCarthy
Seconded by: S. Yang
That SEAC approve the minutes for February 7, 2023 The motion was carried

5. Business Arising as a Result of the Minutes
M. Wilcox shared the draft letter regarding adjustments needed to funding for special education, with the SEAC committee. The committee will review the letter and provide feedback at the next SEAC meeting, before sending the letter to the Minister of Education.

A letter from the Near North District School Board regarding the Special Incidence Portion Claim Funding was shared with the SEAC committee.

The GECDSB SEAC committee had previously sent a similar letter to the Ministry.

11. Association Reports

J. Conrad, Windsor-Essex Down Syndrome Association - On March 21st, we celebrate World Down Syndrome Day by advocating for the rights, inclusion, and well-being of people with Down syndrome around the world. Wear your

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