

KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

DRAFT SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 3:30 p.m.

Room 158, Education Centre, Peterborough ON

ATTENDANCE

Present:

A. Lloyd	Trustee (Committee Chairperson)
A. Rodriguez	Community Living Peterborough (Committee Vice-chairperson)
J. Klassen Jeninga	Trustee
A. Cranfield	Five Counties Children's Centre
C. Dickson	Trustee (Alternate)
T. Hill	Developmental Services Ontario
M. Robinson	Autism Ontario – Peterborough Chapter
D. Toth	Alternatives Community Program Services Incorporated

Regrets: K. Traynor Down Syndrome Association of Peterborough

Absent: J. Burke-Byrne Canopy Support Services
A. Hunt-Schmoll Principal, Brighton Public School
W. Johansen Ontario Association of Families of Children with
Communication Disorders
A. Smoke First Nations

Also Present: A.M. Duncan, R. Cromlish, C. Filip, A. Fletcher, A. Foster, T. Horsman,
J. Massie, and L. Hull

Land Acknowledgement

Superintendent Duncan called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m. It was recognized and acknowledged that the Committee was meeting on the traditional territory of the Mississauga First Nations.

Election of Committee Chairperson

Superintendent Duncan reviewed the process for elections and called for nominations for the position of Committee Chairperson.

MOVED BY A. Cranfield, SECONDED BY A. Rodriguez

**That Trustee A. Lloyd be nominated to the position of Committee Chairperson of the
Special Education Advisory Committee. CARRIED**

There were no further nominations.

Trustee A. Lloyd was acclaimed as Chairperson of the Special Education Advisory Committee and assumed the Chair.

Election of Committee Vice-chairperson

A. Lloyd, Committee Chairperson, called for nominations for the position of Committee Vice-chairperson.

MOVED BY A. Cranfield, SECONDED BY M. Robinson
That A. Rodriguez be nominated to the position of Vice-chairperson of the Special Education Advisory Committee. CARRIED

There were no further nominations.

A. Rodriguez was acclaimed Vice-chairperson of the Special Education Advisory Committee.

Adoption of Agenda

MOVED BY D. Toth, SECONDED BY M. Robinson
That the agenda be adopted as printed. CARRIED

Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Nil.

Adoption of Minutes

MOVED BY M. Robinson, SECONDED BY T. Hill
That the Minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, be adopted as recorded. CARRIED

Board Report

Committee Chairperson A. Lloyd updated the committee on events and initiatives being undertaken by the Board, and acknowledged the new Director, Rita Russo.

Committee Chairperson A. Lloyd informed the committee that the new school in East City will be named, Kaawaate East City Public School, spoke to Indigenous inclusion in supporting the new name, and reported on the challenges the Board has experienced while advocating for a new school in the Clarington area.

Trustees Dickson and Klassen Jeninga acknowledged the hard work of all Board staff in supporting our students during the ongoing pandemic.

Presentation

R. Cromlish, Senior Clinician for Autism Support and T. Horsman, Psychological Associate, presented on Executive Functioning. Together they shared:

- What is Executive Functioning, and what are the main areas?
- Signs of Executive Functioning issues.
- How does Executive Functioning relate to Psychology?
- Assessing Executive Functions.
- Executive Functioning and Autism.
- How can schools support students who struggle with Executive Functions?
- Accommodations recommendations.
- Teaching Executive Functioning skills.

Questions of clarification posed by committee members were addressed by R. Cromlish and T. Horsman.

Administrative Update

Superintendent Duncan presented an overview of the Professional Development available from the department, demonstrating the live links on the intranet applications.

Superintendent Duncan informed the committee that the Board has heard from the Ministry regarding the Student Incidence Portion (SIP) claims for 2020-2021. The claim amount granted by the Ministry for the 2019-2020 school year will be the same amount granted for the 2020-2021 school year, which is approximately \$7 million.

The committee heard an overview of the December 21, 2020 memo from the Ministry of Education that required school boards to offer in-person learning to students with special needs who could not be accommodated virtually. The Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board will be welcoming all Learning and Life Skills (LLS) classes, elementary and secondary, in-person, on January 11, 2021. It was reported that the remaining secondary student population is scheduled to return to in-person learning on January 25, 2021.

Superintendent Duncan presented The Special Education Logic Model to members noting the consultation process in the development of the logic model included input from all department members through their departmental leaders. Highlights include implementation of new attendance pathways, professional development, staff wellness, supporting positive student behaviour administrative regulation, review and standardization of LLS programs, reviewing practices through an equity lens, and succession planning.

Questions of clarification posed by committee members were addressed by the Superintendent.

Association Updates

The following associations provided verbal reports that included updates on upcoming meetings, in-services, projects, and various events:

- Five Counties Children’s Centre
- Autism Society of Ontario – Peterborough Chapter
- Alternative Community Program Services Incorporated
- Developmental Services Ontario

Future Topics

February 2	ASD and Mental Health
March 2	Self-regulation
April 6	Language and Behaviour
May 4	Budget
June 1	LLS Programs
June 15	Restorative Circles
All Meetings	Review of the Special Education Plan

Future Meeting Dates

The next meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee will be held in Room 158 at the Education Centre, 1994 Fisher Drive, Peterborough, at 3:30 p.m. on February 2, 2021.

Adjournment

MOVED BY T. Hill, SECONDED BY M. Robinson
That the meeting be adjourned (5:09 p.m.).

CARRIED

Angela Lloyd
Committee Chairperson