

KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**DRAFT SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at 3:30 p.m.  
WebEx, 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
T. Hill	Developmental Services Ontario
W. Johansen	Ontario Association of Families of Children with Communication Disorders
M. Robinson	Autism Ontario – Peterborough Chapter
D. Toth	Alternatives Community Program Services Incorporated
K. Traynor	Down Syndrome Association of Peterborough

Absent: A. Smoke First Nations

Also Present: R, Russo, A.M. Duncan, M. Bruder, A. Foster, A. Hunt-Schmoll, J. Massie, G. Payne, E. Stoter and L. Hull

**Land Acknowledgement**

Trustee A. Lloyd, called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m. It was recognized and acknowledged that the Committee was meeting on the traditional territory of the Mississauga First Nations.

**Adoption of Agenda**

**MOVED BY M. Robinson, SECONDED BY A. Cranfield**  
**That the agenda be adopted as printed.**

**CARRIED**

**Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

Nil.

**Adoption of Minutes**

**MOVED BY A. Rodriguez, SECONDED BY M. Robinson**  
**That the Minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday, January 5, 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 welcomed the new Director, Rita Russo.

Committee Chairperson A. Lloyd spoke to the Ministry of Education's decision to open all Peterborough and Northumberland schools on January 25, 2021. The committee was informed that despite the pandemic the Board is moving forward with the new Strategic Plan and acknowledged February as Black History month.

Trustee Klassen Jeninga stated that the 2021-2022 school year calendar has been approved. Trustee Klassen Jeninga spoke to the Strategic Plan and highlighted the key focus of equity, diversity, and inclusion.

Trustee Klassen Jeninga reported on the student trustees presentation regarding the collaboration between the Ontario Student Trustee Association and the Ministry of Education to launch an advocacy project called the Volume of Our Voices.

Committee Chairperson A. Lloyd introduced Glen Payne, the new System Principal for the Special Education Department and welcomed him to the committee.

### Presentation

E. Stoter, Itinerant Teacher for Autism Support and Dr. M. Bruder, Psychologist, presented on Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Mental Health. Together they shared:

- What is Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)?
- Social skills and psychological wellbeing
- Comorbidity with Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder (ADHD), Anxiety and Depression
- Supporting students with ASD and mental health needs
- How Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board (KRP) supports students with ASD

Questions of clarification posed by committee members were addressed by E. Stoter and Dr. M. Bruder.

### Administrative Update

Superintendent Duncan presented an overview of the SickKids report, [Covid-19: Guidance for School Operation during the Pandemic](#), which was written in collaboration with Children's Hospital of East Ontario (CHEO), Holland Bloorview, Kingston Health Sciences, London Health Sciences and McMaster University. This is a key document for the government and for school boards, in guiding decisions around virtual and in-person learning going forward.

Superintendent Duncan reported to the committee on the collaboration between the Special Education Department and Teaching and Learning around student mental

wellness and closing the gap. One of the foci will be delivering the MindsUp curriculum with other curricula, such as Mathematics.

J. Massie, System Principal of Special Education summarized the Ministry funding allocated to KPR for professional learning to support students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), particularly enhancing Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) approaches in our schools. The committee heard details regarding the online Geneva Centre courses for teachers and education workers.

Superintendent Duncan reviewed highlights from the new draft Administrative Regulation 4.1.2: Occupational Health and Safety: Supporting Positive Student Behaviour and Safety for all. The administrative regulation is still in the consultation phase.

Superintendent Duncan reported that the Staff Wellness Plan steering committee has been struck, and the first meeting will be this month.

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

#### Association Updates

M. Robinson, Autism Ontario, Peterborough Chapter, presented a report highlighting dates and events from February to March 2021. The report was emailed to committee members.

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

- Alternative Community Program Services Incorporated
- Developmental Services Ontario
- Ontario Association of Families of Children with Communication Disorders
- Five Counties Children's Centre
- Community Living
- Down Syndrome Association of Peterborough

#### Future Topics

March 2	Self-regulation and Acceptance Commitment Therapy
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 by WebEx at 3:30 p.m. on March 2, 2021.

Adjournment

**MOVED BY A. Rodriguez, SECONDED BY**  
**That the meeting be adjourned (5:24 p.m.).**

**CARRIED**

Angela Lloyd  
Committee Chairperson