

KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

DRAFT SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, March 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)
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

Regrets

J. Klassen Jeninga	Trustee
C. Dickson	Trustee (Alternate)

Absent:

A. Smoke	First Nations
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Also Present:

A.M. Duncan, R. Cromlish, A. Foster, L. Harmon, A. Hunt-Schmoll,
M. Jubinville, K. Koster-Lilley, J. Massie, G. Payne, C. Sakuma and
L. Hull

Land Acknowledgement

Trustee A. Lloyd, called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m. It was recognized and acknowledged that the land on which we gather and learn daily is the treaty and traditional territory of the Michi Saagiig Nishnaabeg.

Adoption of Agenda

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

CARRIED

Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Nil.

Adoption of Minutes

MOVED BY M. Robinson, SECONDED BY A. Cranfield
That the Minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday, February 2, 2021, 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 discussed the asymptomatic COVID-19 testing occurring in specific schools within the Board.

Committee Chairperson A. Lloyd acknowledged the ongoing progress with the new school, Kaawaate East City Public School. The Professional Services and Mental Health team was recognized for their dedicated support of staff and students during the pandemic.

Presentations

M. Jubinville, Instructional Leadership Consultant (ILC) L. Harmon and C. Sakuma, Behaviour Support Assistants (BSA) presented on Self-Regulation Programming at KPR. Together they shared:

- What is self-regulation versus self-control?
- Reframing concepts and theories
- Explaining the brain to children and adolescents
- Misbehaviour vs stress behaviour
- The impact of trauma
- Social-emotional learning programs, and
- Self-regulation and Individual Education Plan IEP goals.

Questions of clarification posed by committee members were addressed by M. Jubinville, L. Harmon and C. Sakuma.

K. Koster-Lilley, Executive Officer, Professional Services and Mental Health and R. Cromlish, Senior Clinician for Autism Support presented on Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT). Together they shared:

- What is Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT)?
- Evidence based therapy and positive outcomes of training.

Questions of clarification posed by committee members were addressed by K. Koster-Lilley and R. Cromlish.

Administrative Update

Superintendent Duncan updated the committee on the recent decision from the Ministry of Community, Children and Social Services (MCCSS) on the closure of Brookside Youth Detention Centre and Park Place for Youth. This decision brings the total number of Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board's (KPR) Education and Community

Partnership Programs (ECPPs) to fourteen which drops the Board below the required number at which the MCCSS funds a full-time administrator.

G. Payne, System Principal of Special Education, provided an overview on the new resources available on the Special Education Application highlighting the new autism support and French as a second language resources.

Superintendent Duncan introduced Bill 178, the Black Mental Health Day Act, 2020, which has launched the Black Mental Health Week initiative at KPR. The committee was provided with an overview of the new Black Mental Health Week flyer, including available resources. The first week of March each year moving forward will be Black Mental Health week in KPR.

Superintendent Duncan provided an overview of the updated education workers allocation chart for 2021-2022, highlighting the expanded criteria that reflects the Board's commitment to review our practices with an anti-oppressive and anti-racist lens, and the silent manifestations of trauma.

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

Association Updates

Verbal reports that included updates on upcoming meetings, in-services, projects, and various events were provided by the following associations:

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

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

Correspondence

A letter was received from the Durham District School Board sent on behalf of their Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC), to the Minister of Education, encouraging the Ministry of Education to strengthen its commitment to Universal Design for Learning by ensuring provincial online learning resources, and platforms used to access said resources, are accessible to all students.

MOVED BY T. Hill, SECONDED BY A. Rodriguez

Committee members agreed that the letter was received for information only at this time.

CARRIED

Future Topics

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 April 6, 2021.

Adjournment

MOVED BY A. Rodriguez, SECONDED BY T. Hill
That the meeting be adjourned (5:03 p.m.).

CARRIED

Angela Lloyd
Committee Chairperson