

SUBJECT TO COMMITTEE APPROVAL

KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

DRAFT SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, May 4, 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
A. Smoke	First Nations
D. Toth	Alternatives Community Program Services Incorporated
K. Traynor	Down Syndrome Association of Peterborough

Also Present: A.M. Duncan, R. Bell, D. Chapman, A. Foster, B. Hollinger,
A. Hunt-Schmoll, M. Kerr, J. Massie, G. Payne, 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 land on which we gather and learn daily is the treaty and traditional territory of the Michi Saagiig Nishnaabeg.

Adoption of Agenda

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

CARRIED

Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Nil.

Adoption of Minutes

MOVED BY A Rodriguez, SECONDED BY A. Cranfield
That the Minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, 2020, be
adopted as recorded.

CARRIED

Board Report

Committee Chairperson A. Lloyd and Trustee J. Klassen Jeninga updated the committee on events and initiatives being undertaken by the Board.

Committee Chairperson A. Lloyd reported that the Board of Trustees expressed their concern at the last Board meeting with reports outlining the province's proposed plan for expanding online or virtual learning. The trustees sent a letter to the Ministry of Education outlining their concerns.

Trustee J. Klassen Jeninga reported on the Ontario Government's news release which announced they will be providing more than \$2 billion in new support to advance and protect public education for the 2021-2022 school year. The committee heard this will also include a \$561 million increase to this year's Grant for Student Needs.

Trustee J. Klassen Jeninga acknowledged the retirement of Greg Ingram, Superintendent of Education: Student Achievement with best wishes.

Presentation

A. Hunt-Schmoll, Principal, Brighton Public School, D. Chapman, LLS elementary teacher, M. Kerr, Instructional Leadership Consultant (ILC), B. Hollinger, Instructional Leadership Consultant (ILC) and R. Bell, Special Education Resource Teacher (SERT), presented on A. Hunt-Schmoll's Learning and Life Skills (LLS) Practicum to review the current LLS curriculum. Together they shared:

- The purpose of the project;
- Overview of Learning and Life Skills programming and guiding principles;
- Learning and Life Skills framework;
- Learning and Life Skills resources.

Questions of clarification posed by committee members were addressed by A. Hunt-Schmoll.

Administrative Update

Superintendent Duncan updated the committee on the preliminary numbers for the Virtual Elementary School and Virtual High School for the 2021-2022 school year. Special Education staffing will now be reviewed to include the Special Education Resource Teacher (SERT) allocation numbers for the virtual schools.

Superintendent Duncan reported that the Special Education Department is in the planning stage around spending summer learning funds, which will include the remedial reading program, Empower. The department has started to receive the Special Education, Mental Health and Well-being funding information.

J. Massie, System Principal of Special Education, provided an overview of the Education and Community Partnership Programs (ECP), formerly known as Section 23 programs. The committee heard a list of agencies that have partnerships with the Board to support

students who are unable to participate in mainstream classrooms due to their need for care/treatment. The Board currently accommodates eight classroom sites supporting up to ten students per classroom with a teacher.

G. Payne, System Principal of Special Education, presented a summary of the new seventeen Primary Hub classrooms for students with highest needs. These classes were created in response to criteria established by the Ministry of Education for in-person learning due to the current COVID-19 shutdown. Within the three regions of Clarington, Northumberland and Peterborough, seventeen schools are hosting these classes.

Superintendent Duncan provided an update on the Staff Wellness Committee, and the results of the employee focus groups. The Staff Wellness Committee will now review the appropriate plan template and will set goals which address common themes arising from the focus group discussions.

Superintendent Duncan reported on the hiring process for a replacement of Jennifer Massie, System Principal for Special Education. There will an update at the next Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) meeting.

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:

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

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

Future Topics

June 1	Budget
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 June 1, 2021.

Adjournment

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

CARRIED

Angela Lloyd
Committee Chairperson