

KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

DRAFT SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, June 1, 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
M. Robinson	Autism Ontario – Peterborough Chapter
A. Smoke	First Nations
D. Toth	Alternatives Community Program Services Incorporated

Regrets: W. Johansen Ontario Association of Families of Children with
Communication Disorders
K. Traynor Down Syndrome Association of Peterborough

Also Present: A.M. Duncan, A. Fletcher, A. Hunt-Schmoll, C. McKeen, J. Massie,
G. Payne, J. Shuttleworth and L. Hull.

Land Acknowledgement

Trustee A. Lloyd, called the meeting to order at 3:32 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 M. Robinson
That the agenda be adopted as printed.**

CARRIED

Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Nil.

Adoption of Minutes

**MOVED BY A. Cranfield, SECONDED BY A. Smoke
That the Minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday, May 4, 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.

Trustee J. Klassen Jeninga reported on the Indigenous Education Strategy for all Students including the focus on curriculum support; engaging students, staff, parents and community; and reviewing system practices. A goal is ensuring Indigenous students and staff see themselves reflected in their learning and working environments.

Trustee Klassen Jeninga reflected on the tragedy at Kamloops Residential School in British Columbia.

The committee heard about the teacher-led organization that formed the KPR Arts Council (KPRACCCA). The KPRACCCA organized nine after-school virtual professional learning sessions with the support of the Teaching and Learning Department, addressing the four curriculum strands of visual arts, music, drama and dance from Kindergarten to Grade 8.

Trustee A. Lloyd reported that administration is proposing a balanced budget for the next school year of over \$400,000,000, reflecting the priorities set out within the Board's 2019-2022 Strategic Plan. The proposed budget is compliant with all Ministry of Education requirements.

Special Education Budget Overview

Superintendent Duncan welcomed and introduced Colin McKeen, Senior Manager, Budget, School Business Operations and Procurement.

C. McKeen provided committee members with an overview of the 2021-2022 draft Operating Budget, with a focus on Special Education expenditures and funding, including the temporary mental health COVID-19 funding.

Information regarding anticipated budget process timelines was shared, indicating that boards are required to approve a balanced and compliant budget by June 30, 2021.

Administrative Update

Superintendent Duncan welcomed Joanne Shuttleworth as the new System Principal for Special Education, effective in August 2021 and acknowledged the retirement of Jennifer Massie, System Principal for Special Education in June 2021, with best wishes.

Superintendent Duncan provided the committee an update on the In-School Reading and the Summer Reading Grants announced by the Ministry of Education which enable the Special Education Department to provide the remedial reading program, Empower, to all remaining elementary schools in the Board for the 2021-2022 school year.

Superintendent Duncan discussed the changes in the Special Education Department professional staffing numbers, including an explanation of the slight increases and decreases to reflect departmental roles moving from part-time to full-time.

The committee heard that all schools in the Board have received their preliminary Education Worker allocations for the 2021-2022 school year. The allocation process erred on the conservative side due to the challenges surrounding the Virtual Elementary School and the Virtual High School enrolment numbers and the needs associated with virtual learning. Once needs are reassessed in September 2021, Education Workers allocations may be reviewed.

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:

- Alternatives Community Program Services Incorporated
- Five Counties Children's Centre
- First Nations
- Community Living

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

New Business

Committee Membership – Canopy Support Services

Trustee A. Lloyd, Committee Chairperson, reported that correspondence has been received from the Canopy Support Services, nominating Lisa O'Grady as their representative to SEAC.

MOVED BY A. Cranfield, SECONDED BY A. Rodriguez
That Lisa O'Grady be appointed representative to the Special Education Advisory Committee for the Canopy Support Services, for the balance of the current four-year term ending in 2022.

CARRIED

Committee Membership – Down Syndrome Association of Peterborough

Trustee A. Lloyd, Committee Chairperson, reported that correspondence has been received from the Down Syndrome Association of Peterborough, nominating Erin Hentig as their representative to SEAC, replacing current representative Kathy Traynor, who will remain as alternate.

MOVED BY J. Klassen Jeninga, SECONDED BY M. Robinson
That Kathy Traynor, representative to the Special Education Advisory Committee for the Down Syndrome Association of Peterborough, be accepted as alternate, for the balance of the current four-year term ending in 2022.

MOVED BY A. Cranfield, SECONDED BY A. Rodriguez
That Erin Hentig be appointed representative to the Special Education Advisory Committee for the Down Syndrome Association of Peterborough, for the balance of the current four-year term ending in 2022.

CARRIED

Committee Membership – Developmental Services Ontario

Trustee A. Lloyd, Committee Chairperson, reported that correspondence has been received from Toni Hill resigning as representative to SEAC on behalf of Developmental Services Ontario.

MOVED BY J. Klassen Jeninga, SECONDED BY A. Smoke
That the resignation of Toni Hill, representative to the Special Education Advisory Committee for Developmental Services Ontario, be accepted with regret and sincere appreciation.

CARRIED

Future Topics

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 15, 2021.

Adjournment

MOVED BY A. Cranfield, SECONDED BY A. Rodriguez
That the meeting be adjourned (4:30 p.m.).

CARRIED

Angela Lloyd
Committee Chairperson