

GREATER ESSEX COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Special Education Advisory Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at the Administration Office.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Susan Smith (Community Living/Windsor/Essex County)
Karen Wilson, Parents for Children's Mental Health
Connie Buckler, Trustee
Kim McKinley, Trustee
Monica Gilles, Windsor Essex County Down Syndrome Association
JoAnn Percy, Windsor Council of Home and School Associations
Beth Cook, Indigenous Community Arrival 1:35
Mary-Ann Fuduric, Brain Injury Association of Windsor & Essex County
Brianna DeSanti, Learning Disabilities Association of Windsor Essex County

BOARD PERSONNEL:

Lynn McLaughlin, Superintendent of Special Education
Mike Wilcox, Principals, Special Education Programs and Services
Melissa DeBruyne, OPC Secondary Representative
Jackie Connelly, OPC Elementary Representative

REGRETS:

Meghan Johnson, Canadian Hearing Society
Mary MacLaughlin, Autism Ontario (Windsor Essex)

Recorder: Marion Goyette

1. Call to Order

K. McKinley called the meeting to order at 1:08pm.

2. Attendance

K. McKinley gave regrets from Canadian Hearing Society and Autism Ontario.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: K. Wilson

Seconded by: C. Buckler

That SEAC approve the agenda for April 2016 with the change in the order of items 6 and 7.

CARRIED.

4. Approval of Minutes

Moved by: K. Wilson

Seconded by: C. Buckler

That SEAC approve the minutes for March 8, 2015

5. Business Arising as a Result of the Minutes
No business arising.

7. News from the Classroom

10. New Business

L. McLaughlin stated that she will invite Tim McCarthy to the next meeting to speak to the information received this week from the Ministry of Children and Youth Services re: Improving Autism Services. It is not known at this time how it will affect children in our school boards.

11. Association Reports

Windsor Council of Home and School Associations

B. Turner and J. Percy will be representing this area's council at the 100th anniversary in Brantford.

Learning Disability Association Windsor-Essex

The agency has announced Lucy Lombardo as the new Executive Director.

Brain Injury Association of Windsor & Essex County

The Neuro Trauma Foundation will be holding a conference on April 29. Workshops will include brain injury, complex addiction and mental health.

Autism Ontario

The Ministry of Children and Youth Services recently announced the new Ontario Autism Program for children 5 years old and younger with investing \$333 million over the next 5 years. Children five years old and older will be

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Trustees

C. Buckler informed the committee that the Special Olympics Gala is this Friday, April 15.

Windsor Essex County Down Syndrome Association

No report.

12. Distribution

- Ministry of Children and Youth Services Ontario Investing \$333 Million to Improve Autism Services
- MCYS- Action on Autism
- Autism information online webinar for parents and families information

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:00.

Kim McKinley, Chairperson
Special Education Advisory Committee

Lynn McLaughlin, Administrative Liaison
Special Education Advisory Committee