

The Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting held on Thursday, November 21, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Trustees/Members Kylee Baker (Chairperson), Tiffany Thickson, Kathleen Tanguay, Shawna Belcourt, Stephanie Powers

Guests Della Stewart-Figuera, Kate Long

Absent/Regards Clare Paterson, Linda Gendron

Administration Jonathan Di Ianni, Karen Spenceley
Recorder Ashleigh Faulkner

1. **Call to Order**

a) Land Acknowledgement - Kathleen Tanguay

b) Opening Prayer - Tiffany Thickson

c) Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Moved by Kathleen Tanguay, seconded by Shawna Belcourt that the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting agenda of November 21, 2024 be approved as presented.

Carried

d) Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

There were none.

e) Excusal from Attendance

Clare Paterson

MOTION: Moved by Shawna Belcourt seconded by Kathleen Tanguay

Carried

i) Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of September 26, 2024 and October 17, 2024

MOTION: Moved by Kathleen Tanguay, seconded by Shawna Belcourt that the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting minutes of September 26, 2024 And October 17, 2024 be approved as presented.

Carried

f) Business Arising from the Minutes

There was none.

2. Recommended Actions/Presentations:

- a) Remarks: Chairperson, Kylee Baker
- b) Remarks: Superintendent Jonathan Di Ianni
Superintendent Di Ianni welcomed the Speech Language Pathologists who will be presenting at today's meeting, Stephanie Powers as the newest member of SEAC and Kate Long, Autism Ontario Volunteer. Superintendent Di Ianni advised the committee of a presenter coming in January to the SEAC committee from the Nurse Family Partnership to discuss free home visiting support for students. Please share any other community partners who you would like to present at our SEAC committee meeting. Superintendent Di Ianni also provided the committee with the background on the Letter that was sent to the Ministry in January and he read the most recent letter sent back to the Minister to address their response.
- c) Update from Trustee: Kathleen Tanguay
Resolution time in February for the Provincial Trustees at OCSTA. We are looking for a way to advocate to the Ministry to be more collaborative with its sister ministries to help support our students. Let's look at how we can reduce the waitlist for various supports. Trustee Tanguay asked the SEAC committee to examine where gaps may exist currently and to provide any feedback to her.
- d) SLP Augmentative Communication
Presented on Augmentative and Alternative Communication. The goal for students are to become independent communicators. There are two types, aided and unaided communication. They can use low tech, mid tech and high tech ways to communicate. The Speech Language Pathologist presented some myths and benefits of AAC, as well as what the process is for assessment through PVNC.

From the presentations:

- I. What are the key learnings from the presentation?
- II. What do parents need to know?
- III. What options exist to get this information to parents?
- IV. How can SEAC support parents in this process?
- V. What can your associations/organizations add specifically to the learning today if any?
- VI. What should be sent out to families in the DID YOU KNOW from SEAC?

3. Information Items: (If there is any action/discussion that should be recorded)

a) PVNCCDSB Board of Trustee Minutes and Agendas

<https://www.pvnccdsb.on.ca/our-board/board-meetings/>

b) Organizational Updates

Shawna Belcourt - Community Living is running a PA Day program for kids ages 14-18. They are also running a Christmas holiday baking program for kids ages 11-15. The Salvation Army hampers are also now available.

Kylee - Alternatives. We have reached out to all Peterborough/County schools for holiday bingo. We are also continuing to help the community connect with services through Building Bridges. The Board at Alternative is looking for Committee members.

4. Old Business:

none

5. New Business:

a) Tentative Meeting topics for 2024-2025 Special Education Advisory Committee:

Date	Topic
September 26, 2024	Summer Learning
October 17, 2024	SESIPSAW/Building Brave, Equitable and Accessible Spaces/Special Education Plan
November 21, 2024	SLP's Augmentative Communication
December 12, 2024 (virtual)	Service Delivery/ Community Agencies
January 23, 2025 (virtual)	Executive Functioning/Community Agencies
February 20, 2025 (virtual)	SBAP (including how it differs from CASA)
March 20, 2025	Special Education Plan
April 17, 2025	IEPs and IPRCs
May 22, 2025	Board Budget
June 19, 2025	

- C. Putting forward recommended action to the PVNCCDSB Board of Trustees to add one new member to the Special Education Advisory Committee.

R.A. that Kate Long, Autism Ontario volunteer SEAC representative, be approved as a member of the Special Education Advisory Committee for the remaining term of the November 15, 2022 to November 14, 2026.

MOTION: Moved by Kylee Baker seconded by Kathleen Tanguay

6. Next Meeting:

- a) Thursday, December 12, 2024 1 p.m. - Virtual/Boardroom
- b) Selection of Members.
 - I. Territorial Recognition - Karen Spenceley
 - II. Opening Prayer - Kathleen Tanguay
 - III. Closing Prayer - Shawna Belcourt

7. Conclusion:

- a) Closing Prayer: Jonathan Di Ianni
- b) Motion for Adjournment
MOTION: Moved by Kathleen Tanguay seconded by Stephanie Powers that the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting of November 21, 2024 be adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

Carried