

The Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting held on Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. Virtual.

PRESENT

Trustees/Members Shawna Belcourt, Kylee Baker, Kathleen Tanguay, Clare Paterson, Tiffany Thickson

Guests Della Stewart-Figueira, Jeff Hockett, Ellen Stewart

Absent/Regards Bart Scollard

Administration Jonathan Di Ianni, Karen Spenceley
Recorder Ashleigh Faulkner

1. Call to Order

- a. Land Acknowledgement - Karen Spenceley
- b. Opening Prayer - Kathleen Tanguay
- c. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Moved by Clare Paterson seconded by Kathleen Tanguay that the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting agenda of February 15, 2024 be approved as presented.

Carried

- d. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest
There were none.

- e. Excusal from Attendance
There were none.

- f. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of January 18, 2024
MOTION: Moved by Kathleen Tanguay, seconded by Clare Paterson that the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting Minutes of January 18, 2024 meeting be approved as presented.

Carried

- g. Business Arising from the Minutes
There was none.

2. Recommended Actions/Presentations:

- a. Remarks: Chairperson, Shawna Belcourt
- b. Remarks: Superintendent Jonathan Di Ianni
Thanked the Committee for their contributions over the past few months and welcomed the guests. This morning SERT PD was held at the Board office to review grade 9-12 programming, regarding courses and pathway options to assist with transition from grade 8 - secondary. Representatives from Lexia were present to review and the best way to employ Lexia in the classroom. On February 2nd, there were a number of training sessions on BMS, Prepare, Prevent and Respond (PPR), and Carousel topics. On February 8th and coming up on February 20th, approximately 65 staff will be receiving Restorative Practice training presented by Laura Di Ianni and Cynthia Chan Reynolds.
- c. Update from Trustee: Kathleen Tanguay
Eastern OCSTA Trustees meeting where the letters sent to the Ministry were shared. It was discussed when sending letters to the Ministry, also sharing them with the SEAC Committees of the other Boards.
The AGM in May will be held in Niagara Falls. Some topics include Special Education budgets and transportation costs for students who require special transportation.
- d. Youth Expo - Ellen Stewart Youth Coordinator
Ellen presented to the Committee information regarding the planning of a youth expo partnership. The first one will be held in 2025. They are hoping to build partnerships with the school boards. Kathleen mentioned a Durham Youth Expo and how it may be a good reference for planning. Jonathan and Ellen will continue conversations as to who would be good to sit on the youth expo committee.
- e. Equity and Inclusive Education - Karen and Jeff
Karen presented on the UDL: the Equity Lens Approach. The Special Education department has focused on a tiered intervention system, to support the inclusion of all students. Karen shared the draft system, with input from all aspects of the Special Education department. This is a tool to help guide staff including tier one, good for all; tier two, good for some; tier three, intensive. The tiers are an articulation of the steps that the team will be following to ensure all aspects are covered.

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. Minister's Advisory Council on Special Education submission
- c. Organizational Updates

4. Old Business:

No one has come forward for Chairperson.

5. New Business:

- a. Tentative Meeting topics for 2023-2024 Special Education Advisory Committee:

Date	Topic
February 15, 2024 (virtual)	Equity & Inclusive Education
March 21, 2024	Community Connections - Funding for Families
April 25, 2024	IEPs & IPRC Processes for Families
May 16, 2024	Budget for 2024-2025, CBIPSAW
June 13, 2024	Special Education Plan, PAaC on SEAC

The next meeting topic is Community Connections - Funding for Families. Shawna can create a presentation and will discuss it with Jonathan. The Committee would like an indication of what the funds are for and how they work or do not work for the school board.

6. Next Meeting:

- a. Thursday, March 21, 2024 1 p.m. - Boardroom
- b. Selection of Members.
 - i. Territorial Recognition - Clare Paterson
 - ii. Opening Prayer - Tiffany Thicksen
 - iii. Closing Prayer - Kathleen Tanguay



7. Conclusion:

- a. Closing Prayer: Shawna Belcourt
- b. Motion for Adjournment

MOTION: Moved by Kathleen, seconded by Shawna Belcourt that the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting of February 15, 2024 be adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

Carried