

The Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting held on Thursday, January 18 at 1:00 p.m. Virtual.

PRESENT

Trustees/Members	Shawna Belcourt, Tiffany Thicksen, Kylee Baker
Guests	Della Stewart-Figueira, Bart Scollard, Cynthia Chan Reynolds, Jennifer Angelo
Absent/Regards	Kathleen Tanguay, Clare Paterson,
Administration Recorder	Jonathan Di Ianni, Karen Spenceley Ashleigh Faulkner

1. Call to Order

- a. Land Acknowledgement - Jonathan Di Ianni
- b. Opening Prayer - Kylee Baker
- c. Approval of Agenda
MOTION: Moved by Tiffany Thicksen seconded by Kylee Baker that the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting agenda of January 18, 2024 be approved as presented.
Carried
- d. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest
There were none.
- e. Excusal from Attendance
MOTION: Moved by Tiffany Thicksen, seconded by Kylee Baker that Clare Paterson and Kathleen Tanguay be excused from attendance of the November 16, 2023 Special Education Advisory Meeting.
Carried
- f. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of November 16, 2023
MOTION: Moved by Tiffany Thicksen, seconded by Kylee Baker that the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting Minutes of November 16, 2023 meeting be approved as presented.
Carried

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

2. Recommended Actions/Presentations:

- a. Remarks: Chairperson, Shawna Belcourt
Thank Clare for chairing the last meeting.
- b. Remarks: Superintendent Jonathan Di Ianni
Jonathan Di Ianni welcomed the Committee and reminded them that the January and February meetings are virtual. He welcomed Jeff Hockett, Special Education Consultant, Cynthia Chan Reynolds, Board Psychologist, Jennifer Angela, Mental Health Lead and Karen Spenceley, VP of Special Education Services to the meeting. There have been a number of PD sessions taking place including topics on UDL, revised Grade 7&8 mental health curriculum, data tracking and CLEVR. There are a number of PD sessions planned in February and these include BMS, PPR (Prevent Prepare Respond), Carousal (including data tracking, transition planning, etc), Building Brave and Equitable Spaces on February 8 and 20, and Restorative Practices Training.
- c. Update from Trustee: Kathleen Tanguay
Jonathan Di Ianni presented on behalf of Trustee Tanguay. OCSTA annual general meeting is approaching. A topic of discussion at the meeting will be fair and equitable funding for transportation for students with special needs. Jonathan shared the draft resolution with the Committee.
- d. Third Path. Universal Design for Learning (UDL)/Executive Functioning Update UDL (Jeff)
Jeff Hockett shared with the Committee information around PD with Secondary Curriculum Chairs. There were two one hour sessions, with one focussing on UDL and the other with a focus on neurodiversity and specifically ADHD, Learning Disabilities, and Autism. He also provided information on the Universal Design for Learning Core Concepts: Universality and Equity; Flexibility and Inclusiveness; An appropriately designed space; Simplicity; Safety.

Cynthia Chan Reynolds and Jennifer Angelo presented on Building Brave Equitable and Accessible Spaces updates. Some system learning updates included Third Path 2 day training;

Third Path Webinar series by Dr. Tranter which is available to all PVNCC staff; On November 24th, there is a support staff development session by Dr. Tranter; and Restorative Practice training is scheduled for February. A Community of Practice for school teams that participated in training last year has been established. There will be release time offered to develop/implement plans, connection with schools to determine needs, consultation with Dr. Tranter, support in schools with specific goals and plans to collaborate and share successes. The equity leads from each school have come together for 1 of 3 learning sessions.

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

Kylee Baker - Shared with the Committee that the day programming is still running. She is excited to be back in the schools to assist with transition planning. They are hoping to start planning soon for the Spring Fling.

Tiffany - Shared with the Committee some of the upcoming training. There will be virtual training held on January 25th - playful approaches to supporting youth. February has a guest speaker to offer virtual training on supporting youth with screen time addictions. If anyone is interested, please send an email to Tiffany and she will add to the list.

- c. Ministry of Education Letter - The Committee had the opportunity to review the letter.

4. Old Business:

There was none.

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

- b. Youth Expo Partnership with the City of Peterborough
Any interest in partnering with the City of Peterborough. Ellen Stuart is the contact. They are in the early stages of planning but wanted to reach out and see if there was interest. Ellen will be invited to the February meeting.
- c. Election of a new Chairperson
The committee members were asked if there is any interest in taking on this role. Please let Jonathan know if you are interested in taking on this Chairperson role or would like more details on what is involved in the role.
- d. MACSE - Jonathan Di Ianni
In early October a feedback template was completed by committee members. This is required to be completed twice a year. We now have a new template that is due on February 9th. A copy of the final report will be shared with the committee.

6. Next Meeting:

- a. Thursday, February 15, 2023 1 p.m. - Virtual
- b. Selection of Members.
 - i. Territorial Recognition - Karen Spenceley
 - ii. Opening Prayer - Tiffany Thickson
 - iii. Closing Prayer - Shawna Belcourt

7. Conclusion:

- a. Closing Prayer: Jonathan Di Ianni
- b. Motion for Adjournment
MOTION: Moved by Tiffany Thickson, seconded by Shawna Belcourt that the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting of January 18, 2024 be adjourned at 2:21 p.m.

Carried