

**GREATER ESSEX COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
REPORT OF THE
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Special Education Advisory Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at the Administration Office.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Connie Buckler, Trustee
Kim McKinley, Trustee
Bette Turner, *Alternate*, Windsor Council of Home and School Associations
Lucie Lombardo, Learning Disabilities Association of Windsor-Essex County
Monica Gilles, Windsor Essex County Down Syndrome Association
Beth Cook, Indigenous Community
Karen Wilson, Parents for Children's Mental Health
Susan Smith, Community Living (Windsor/Essex County)

BOARD PERSONNEL:

Lynn McLaughlin – Superintendent of Special Education
Mike Wilcox – Principal, Special Education Programs and Services
Tracey Rilett – OPC Elementary Representative
Melissa DeBruyne – OPC Secondary Representative

REGRETS

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Moved by: C. Buckler

That Trudy Richards be nominated as Chairperson of SEAC for the year 2017.

Election of Vice-Chairperson

L. McLaughlin declared nominations open for the position of Vice-Chairperson of SEAC for the year 2017.

Moved by: K. Wilson

That Connie Buckler be nominated as Vice-Chairperson of SEAC for the year 2017. C. Buckler accepted the nomination.

L. McLaughlin asked for any other noo

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Connections

The memo has been distributed to Principals with students that are returning from IBI regarding requests from parents for additional school days. As children are identified at other schools, we will ensure these Principals are informed as well.

The Instructional Therapists who do the IBI with the children at Thames Valley Children's Centre, have asked for some in-servicing on Early Years. Thames Valley would like their therapists to see how our teachers are transitioning. T. McCarthy will be in touch with the teacher of our Early Years Demo Site at Glenwood to help support this.

Reading intervention Pilot

The GECSB presented at the Toronto Learning Disability Reference Group. The Board is hearing fantastic reviews from the Learning Support Teachers on this pilot project.

A presentation for SEAC can be arranged in the future to hear from teachers their experiences and student responses to this pilot. It was suggested that the information be shared with the community agencies and organizations as these programs could be an option for them.

Professional Development Update

M. Wilcox informed the committee of the planned PD for the next month. Including workshops on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, IEP Writing, Locally Developed Credit Course (LDCC) training for secondary teachers and the list of workshop on the February 17th professional development day for Educational Support Staff. We finished IEP audit with one third of a

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Community Living Windsor/Essex

Community Living will be hosting a Smart Support Workshop. This workshop will have information of supports in the community.

Parents for Children's Mental Health

PCMH has been invited to participate in dialogue sessions across the province with the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH.) We will share our expertise and input to identify evidence needs related to mental health, substance use, and addictions, in the areas of health promotion and prevention, early identification, treatment and recovery. The results of these sessions will help to create an evidence priority agenda for Ontario.

Indigenous Community

The FNMI program is offering Ojibway and Oneida language classes on Tuesday Evenings, 6:00pm, at John Campbell Public School. The community is in the process of organizing a Pow Wow. B. Cooke is going to be attending an Indigenous Woman's Leadership conference.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10.

Connie Buckler, Vice-Chairperson
Special Education Advisory Committee

Lynn McLaughlin, Administrative Liaison
Special Education Advisory Committee