

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

The Special Education Advisory Committee meeting was held on Tuesday , June 8, 2021 via Microsoft Teams Meeting.

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5. GECD SB 2021-2022 Special Education Budget Review – Shawn Maheux, Finance

S. Maheux, Manager of Financial Services, presented the proposed Special Education Budget for the 2021-2022 school year. Funding this year for Special Education is slightly lower than last year. S. Maheux explained the various grants and expenses that are a part of the Special Education Budget.

Ministry grants for 2021-2022 cover the following:

SEPPA, Special Education Per Pupil Amount

SEA, Special Education Equipment Amount

DSENA, Differentiated Special Education Needs Amount

SIP, Special Incidence Portion

ECPP, Educational and Community Partnership Program Amount

BEA, Behavioural Expertise Amount

SEA claims are submitted by LSTs and are usually 100% approved. Any ideas/suggestions for equipment/apps are always welcomed. SIP claims are submitted through our Education Coordinator.

Recommendation

Moved by: B. Turner

Seconded by: A. Omstead

That SEAC recommend to the Board of Trustees to accept the Special Education portion of the 2021-2022 budget.

The motion was carried.

6. ODA Plan 2021-2022 Review

M. Wilcox went over the ODA Plan 2021-2022 with the SEAC committee members. Requests are submitted by the school principal to the Facility Services Department. A visit to the school by GECD SB staff or JMCC staff will follow to determine what may be needed to support individual students.

7. Special Education Plan 2021-2022

M. Wilcox and K. Sweet revised the Special Education Plan 2021 according to Ministry guidelines. K. Sweet reviewed the final changes which included numbers for GAINS and STEPS classes. Princess Elizabeth will be adding a GAINS classroom in September 2021. There will be one less STEPS classroom at Leamington Secondary School, and one added at Massey Secondary School. The Board has temporary support staff available for any special needs changes during the school year.

The Special Education Plan 2021 is outlined with 16 Standards:

Standard 1: The Board's Consultation Process

Standard 2: The Board's General Model for Special Education

Standard 3: Roles and Responsibilities

Standard 4: Early Identification Procedures and Intervention Strategies

Standard 5: The Identification, Placement and Review Committee Process and Appeals

Standard 6: Educational and Other Assessments

Standard 7: Specialized Health Support Services in School Settings

Standard 8: Categories and Definitions of Exceptionalities

Standard 9: Special Education Placements Provided by the Board

Standard 10: Individual Education Plans (IEPs) and Transition Planning

Standard 11: Provincial Demonstration Schools in Ontario

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The Brain Injury Association would like to join the SEAC committee in September 2021. We will
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