

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

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The Special Education Advisory Committee meeting was held on **Tuesday, September 14, 2021** via Microsoft Teams Meeting.

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Aimee Omstead, Trustee  
Linda Qin, Trustee  
Martha Vukov, Community Living Windsor-Essex County  
Jan Matte-Gasparovic, Autism Ontario  
Monica Gilles, Windsor-Essex County Down Syndrome Association  
Mary-Ann Fuduric, Learning Disabilities Association of Windsor-Essex County  
Bette Turner, Home and School Instruction  
Sheila Ruggaber, Epilepsy Southwestern Ontario  
Louise Cervini, Indigenous Community Representative

**BOARD PERSONNEL**

Mike Wilcox, Superintendent of Special Education Services  
Kristie Sweet, Supervising Principal of Special Education Services  
Michelle Lowes, OPC Elementary Representative  
Theresa Williams, OPC Secondary Representative

**REGRETS**

Suzanne Kovach, Parents for Children's Mental Health

**ABSENT**

**RECORDER**

Peggy Russette

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: B. Turner

Seconded by: A. Omstead

That SEAC approve the agenda for September 14, 2021.

The motion was carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved by: A. Omstead

Seconded by: S. Ruggaber

That SEAC approve the minutes for June 8, 2021.

The motion was carried.

4. Business Arising as a Result of the Minutes

Letter from the Durham District School Board regarding Needs-based Funding/Services for Children with a Diagnosis of Autism – New Pilot Program, was reviewed at the SEAC meeting on June 8, 2021. J. Matte-Gasparovic offered to take the information back to Autism Ontario and review with the committee at the SEAC meeting on September 14, 2021. In consultation with the

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local Autism Ontario chapter, the recommendation to the GECDSB SEAC, was a “no stand” position on this new pilot program at this current time mainly due to the election taking place, which may change the funding model yet again.

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- Meet either the Learning Support Teacher (LST) or MAPS Department Head
- Review their schedule
- Receive a swag bag with school supplies

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Students learning In-Person: the LST (Learning Support Teacher) will work with the Software Support Technician at your child's school. Parents should reach out to the LST at their child's school for any SEA