



Statutory Committee

Name of Committee: Special Education Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: 3 February, 2020

A meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee convened on February 3, 2020 from 7:10 pm to 9:15 pm in the TDSB Board Room (5050 Yonge Street, Toronto, ON) - Vice Chair Diane Montgomery.

Attendance

Association for Bright Children (ABC)	Melissa Rosen	
Autism Society of Ontario – Toronto	Julie Diamond (phone)	
Community Living Toronto	Regrets	
Epilepsy Toronto	Steven Lynette	
Down Syndrome Association of Toronto	Richard Carter	
Easter Seals Ontario (pending approval)	Aliza Chagpar (phone)	
Integrated Action for Inclusion (IAI)	Tania Principe	
IEWS for the Visually Impaired	David Lepofsky	
VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children	Kara Stewart-Agostino	
Learning Disability Association	Regrets	
CADDAC	Juanita Beaudry	
LC1	Aline Chan	
LC2	Jordan Glass	Jean-Paul Ngana
LC3	Kristen Doyle (phone)	Olga Ingrahm
LC4	Diane Montgomery	Izabella Pruska-Oldenoff
TDSB Trustees	Alexander Brown	Michelle Aarts

Also present were:

Kathy Witherow, Associate Director, Leadership, Learning and School Improvement

Angela Nardi-Addesa, System Superintendent, Special Education and Inclusion

Janine Small, Centrally Assigned Principal, Special Education

Jennifer Newby, Centrally Assigned Principal, Special Education LC4

Effie Stathopoulos, Centrally Assigned Principal, Special Education LC1

Michelle Munroe, Coordinator, Parent Engagement Office

Ron Felsen – Centrally Assigned Principal, Secondary School Review

Craig Snider, Executive Officer, Finance

Lianne Dixon, TDSB SEAC Liaison

Regrets: Trustee Lulka, Nora Green, Tracey O'Regan,

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Part A: Recommendations

Nil

Part B: For Information Only

Leadership, Learning and School Improvement Department Updates:

Centrally Assigned Principal

A special acknowledgement is extended to Lucy Gianotta for all her support and leadership in her role as Centrally Assigned Principal in Leadership Learning & School Improvement and Special Education & Inclusion.

Congratulations to Effie Stathopoulos who was the successful candidate to backfill for the position of Learning Centre Centrally Assigned Principal of Special Education and Inclusion.

- Mid-Year Report Update on the Implementation of the Multi-Year Strategic Action Plans: Inclusion
 - The Mid-Year Report Update on the Implementation of the Multi-Year Strategic Action Plans was presented at Program and School Services Committee on January 29, 2020. The report was shared with SEAC.
- Separate Spaces
 - TDSB's Operational Procedure PR699 Students with Special Education needs: Management for Risk of Injury Behaviours and Bill 160 were shared with SEAC.
- Dedicated Space Pilot Project 2019-2020

- A list of schools participating in the ABA Dedicated Space Pilot Project for 2019-2020 was shared with SEAC. (Appendix A)\

Presentations:

Budget

Craig Snider, Executive Officer, Finance, presented an updated Draft Response to the Ministry's Funding Consultation incorporating some of the suggestions made by SEAC at the January meeting. (Appendix B)

Parent Engagement Presentation

Michelle Munroe, Coordinator, Parent Engagement, shared the ongoing review of PO23 with SEAC members. SEAC members were asked for consultation in key areas and were given the opportunity to answer questions and provide feedback on the different themes. Michelle invited SEAC members to share feedback with her directly.

Secondary Program Review

Ron Felsen, Centrally Assigned Principal of School Operations and Service Excellence, shared a presentation to highlight key aspects of the Review.

Key focus: What recommendations would SEAC like to put forth regarding special education programming, congregated sites, and intensive support program sites as it relates to the Secondary Program Review?

Many SEAC members offered feedback and expressed concerns about making sure that accessible sites are not closed and that consideration is made to the very special needs of students in congregated sites.

SEAC members were invited to submit suggestions through the online survey and to Ron directly.

Part C: Ongoing Matters

Nil

Report Submitted by: Lianne Dixon

Schools Participating in the ABA Dedicated Space Pilot Project for 2019-2020

School	Agency	# of Students
Roselands Junior Public School (LC1)	I.B.I Toronto	1
Albion Heights Junior Middle School (LC1)	Alpha Bee	1
York Memorial CI/housed at Scarlett Heights (LC1)	ACRIOS Consulting	1
Wellesworth Junior School (LC1)	Nexus Therapy	1
	Alpha Bee	1
Elizabeth Simcoe Junior Public School (LC3)	Applied Behavioral Interventions	1
Buchanan Public School (LC3)	Beyond the Spectrum	1
Morrish Public School	Alpha Bee	1
	1:1 Therapy	1
Anson Park Public School (LC3)	Independent Therapists	2
Whitney Junior Public School (LC4)	Alpha Bee	1
Pape Avenue Junior Public School (LC4)	Kid Mechanix	1
Ryerson Community School (LC4)	Alpha Bee	1
Palmerston Avenue Junior Public School (LC4)	IBI Behavioral Services	1
Sunnylea Junior School (LC4)	1:1 Therapy	1
RH McGregor Elementary School (LC4)	1:1 Therapy	1
Nelson Mandela Park Public School (LC4) –	Surrey Place Centre	1

Draft Response to the Ministry

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