



Statutory Committee

Name of Committee: Special Education Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: 4 May 2020

A meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee convened on May 4, 2020 at 7:00 pm through electronic means, Chair Nora Green.

Association for Bright Children (ABC)	Melissa Rosen	
Autism Society of Ontario – Toronto	Lisa Kness	
Community Living Toronto	Tracy O'Regan	
Epilepsy Toronto	Steven Lynette	
Down Syndrome Association of Toronto	Richard Carter	
Easter Seals Ontario	Aliza Chagpar	
Integrated Action for Inclusion (IAI)	Tania Principe	
IEWS for the Visually Impaired	David Lepofsky	
VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children	Paul Cross	
Learning Disability Association	Regrets	
CADDAC	Juanita Beaudry	
LC1	Aline Chan	Nora Green
LC2	Jordan Glass	Jean-Paul Ngana
LC3	Olga Ingrahm	Kirsten Doyle
LC4	Diane Montgomery	Izabella Pruska-Oldenoff,
TDSB Trustees	Alexander Brown	Michelle Aarts

Also present were:

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

Wendy Terro, 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

Susan Moulton, Centrally Assigned Principal, Special Education

Lianne Dixon, TDSB SEAC Liaison

Regrets: Trustee Lulka, Patrick Smith (LDA)

Part A: Recommendations

Nil

Part B: For Information Only

Leadership, Learning and School Improvement Department Updates:

Information was shared with SEAC around the following subjects

SEA Equipment Updates

- We had approximately 3,868 devices (Chromebooks and iPads that are internet enabled) and 165 of the 3,868 are specialized equipment. The devices have either been delivered or are in the process of being delivered. Delivery is expected to be completed between April 30th-May 8th.
- Students who require devices in order to access assistive technology (other than specialized, personalized SEA equipment) will receive devices as part of the TDSB Central Distribution Program through which families can request devices and/or internet access.

Staff Role Expectations

A link to documents that outline the remote learning and working guidelines and expectations for different employee groups at the TDSB was shared with SEAC

Capacity Building for Teachers and Support Staff

- The Special Education and Inclusion Google + Communities are being moderated by Special Education Inclusion Coordinators and Consultants. Resources are shared and teachers and support staff collaborate to address how to best meet student needs remotely

Ministry Direction on IPRCs

- IPRCs will resume remotely.
- IPRC Reviews and SEPRC will be prioritized .

Ministry Direction on IEPs

- IEPs will continue to remain in effect as continuity of learning strategies is implemented.
- Staff will work in collaboration with students and families to determine manageable solutions on a case by case basis.

Non Digital Student Learning Resources

The data for the survey that went out to schools for non-digital print packages for grade K-8 indicates that there were 12, 000 requests for print packages with greater numbers in K- Gr.3 and Gr. 7- Gr.8.

Summer School

Summer school for students with Special Education needs will continue remotely.

Return to School Advisory Group

SEAC members volunteered to participate in a consultation group about planning an eventual return to school and implications for students with special needs.

Part C: Ongoing Matters

Nil

Report Submitted by: Lianne Dixon