



## Statutory Committee

**Name of Committee:** Special Education Advisory Committee

**Meeting Date:** 1 March, 2021

A meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee convened on March 1 at 7:00 pm through electronic means. Steven Lynette chaired the meeting. The meeting was livestreamed on the TDSB website.

Association for Bright Children (ABC)		Melissa Rosen
Autism Society of Ontario – Toronto		Lisa Kness
Black Parent Support Group		Tracey Burrell
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
VIEWS for the Visually Impaired		David Lepofsky
VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children		Shanna Lino
Learning Disability Association		Nadia Persaud
CADDAC		Juanita Beaudry
LC1	Aline Chan	Nora Green
LC2	Jordan Glass	Jean-Paul Ngana
LC3	Olga Ingrahm	
LC4	Diane Montgomery	Izabella Pruska-Oldenoff,
TDSB Trustees	Alexander Brown	Michelle Aarts
Regrets: Kirsten Doyle		

Also present were:

Andrew Gold, Associate Director  
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  
Susan Moulton, Centrally Assigned Principal, Special Education LC2  
Cindy Zwicker-Reston, Centrally Assigned Principal, Special Education LC 3  
Tamara Grealis, Centrally Assigned Principal  
Jason To, Centrally Assigned Principal  
Vanessa Pfaff, Accessibility  
Wendy Terro, Centrally Assigned Principal, Special Education  
Lianne Dixon, TDSB SEAC Liaison

## **Part A: Recommendations**

### **SEAC Community Member Representative (Appendix A)**

On the Toronto District School Board SEAC, there are currently two Community Member Alternate vacancies. Ioanna Agelothanasis has submitted an application for the position of Alternate member LC2. Taking into consideration the criteria outlined in the TDSB SEAC Terms of Reference and Regulation 464/97, Ioanna Agelothanasis is being recommended as Alternate Community Representative. This new application was announced at SEAC on March 1st, 2021

## **Part B: For Information Only**

### **Leadership, Learning and School Improvement Department Reports:**

#### **Reports.**

- **Academic Pathways and Locally Developed Compulsory Courses Presentation**

How are we supporting students with special education needs with Academic Pathways?

- Grade 9 de-streamed Mathematics new curriculum 2021
  - modifications and accommodations to support students in special education through IEP
- Locally Developed Compulsory Course Strategy
  - GLE/GLS, ELS2O for additional support
- Professional learning for educators and administrators
  - Focus on inclusive teaching practices
  - Supporting high school teachers with modifying expectations
  - Coach support

- **February Switch Update**

- Special Education
  - Resource - 661 In-Person to Virtual / 308 Virtual In-Person
  - Gifted - 78 In-Person to Virtual / 38 Virtual In-Person
  - Behaviour - 5 In-Person to Virtual / 0 Virtual In-Person
  - DD - 30 In-Person to Virtual / 11 Virtual In-Person
  - LD - 9 In-Person to Virtual / 4 Virtual In-Person
  - HSP - 51 In-Person to Virtual / 37 Virtual In-Person

- Autism - 9 In-Person to Virtual / 8 Virtual In-Person
  - MID - 24 In-Person to Virtual / 8 Virtual In-Person
  - Diag - 15 In-Person to Virtual / 3 Virtual In-Person
  - PD - 3 In-Person to Virtual / 0 Virtual In-Person
  - Total - 885 In-Person to Virtual / 417 Virtual In-Person
- **Autism Services Kindergarten Kit**
    - Autism Services has introduced “Supporting the Kindergarten Experience”, a comprehensive 7 booklet digital kit that can be used to assist teachers and DECEs in supporting students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) transition into full-day Kindergarten.
- **PAAC on SEAC**
    - The Executive summary and report on results of the PAAC survey had been shared previously. The Chair requested that any concerns, questions be shared with SEAC.
    - [Report on Results of PAAC on SEAC 2020 Survey](#)
    - [PAAC on SEAC 2020 Survey Executive Summary Action Items](#)

## **Part C: Ongoing Matters**

### **Working Group Updates**

The Special Education Plan working group and the Communication working group will be sending out a Google Doc for members to provide input on the Special Education Plan

### Appendix A

#### **MOTIONS**

##### **Learning Centre 1 Alternate Representative**

***Whereas there is a Community Representative Alternate vacancy on TDSB SEAC for LC2 and***

***Whereas Ioanna Agelothanasis has submitted an application and meets the criteria for membership outlined in Regulation 464/97 therefore,***

***It is recommended that the Toronto District School Board appoint Ioanna Agelothanasis as Community Representative Alternate for Learning Centre 2 on the TDSB Special Education Advisory Committee for the 2018 to 2022 term.***

**Report Submitted by:** Lianne Dixon