



GREATER ESSEX COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

The Special Education Advisory Committee meeting was held on Tuesday March 19, 2024, at the Administrative Building, 451 Park St. W., Windsor, ON.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Martha Vukov, Community Living Essex County
Chelsey Lackovic, Windsor Council of Home and School Associations
Tim McCarthy, Autism Ontario
Kim McKinley, Trustee
Sarah Yang, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder/Ontario Network of Expertise
Joanna Conrad, Windsor-Essex Down Syndrome Association

BOARD PERSONNEL IN ATTENDANCE

Kristie Sweet, Supervising Principal of Special Education
Michelle Lowes, OPC Elementary Representative

REGRETS

Mary-Ann Fuduric, Learning Disabilities Association of Windsor-Essex County
Chris Mills, Superintendent of Special Education Services
Theresa Williams, OPC Secondary Representative

ABSENT

Louise Cervini, Indigenous Representative
Nancy Armstrong, Trustee
Tina Szymczak, Inclusion Action in Ontario

RECORDER

Melissa Beaton

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m.

2. Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we are on land and surrounded by water, originally inhabited by Indigenous Peoples who have travelled this area since time immemorial. This territory is within the lands honoured by the Wampum Treaties; agreements between the Anishinaabe (Ah-nish-e-naa-bay), Haudenosaunee (Hoe-den-oh-show-nee), Lenni (Len-eh) Lenape (Le-naw-pay) and allied Nations to peacefully share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. Specifically, we would like to acknowledge the presence of the Three Fires Confederacy, Ojibwe (Oh-jib-way), Odawa (Oh-dah-wah), Potawatomi (Paw-taw-watt-ohme) and Huron/Wendat (Wen-dat) Peoples.

We are dedicated to honouring Indigenous history and culture while remaining committed to moving forward respectfully with all First Nations, Inuit and Métis

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: C. Lackovic

Seconded by: S. Yang

That SEAC approve the Agenda for March 19, 2024.

The motion was carried.

4. Approval of Minutes

Moved by: T. McCarthy

Seconded by: C. Lackovic

That SEAC approve the Minutes of the February 13, 2024.

The motion was carried.

5. Business Arising as a Result of the Minutes

There was no business as a result of the minutes.

6. Special Education Presentation

- Budget Survey Link

S. Maheux wanted us to take some time and reflect on the budget survey and respond as a group. We had discussions around what is important to the committee and the Special Education Department. There were two questions to answer:

- What are your priorities as they relate to the 24-25 budget?
- Where can the board look to for savings in the 24-25 budget?

The Committee appreciated the opportunity to provide feedback but thought it should be more than two questions and suggested a comments section would be helpful.

7. Special Education Updates

- PD Updates

K. Sweet shared the professional development planned for March 2024. STEPS Admin PD Session 4. The Administration and Department Heads received a presentation by the Tier 3 Team on Structured Learning, they had time to collaborate together as a school team, they learned about transition planning and developed goals for the 2024-2025 school year.

- Review of the Special Education Plan (Standards 1-3, 5, 7 & 8)

Standard 1: The Board's Consultation Process

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

Standard 3: Roles and Responsibilities

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

Standard 7: Specialized Health Support Services in School Settings

Standard 8: Categories and Definitions of Exceptionalities

Feedback/revisions were collected to apply to the 2024-2025 plan.

8. New Business

There was no new business to report.

9. Association Reports

- J. Conrad, Windsor-Essex Down Syndrome Association – Rock your Socks is coming up, Up About Down is holding a dance-a-thon on Saturday March 23rd. The Valentine's Day dance was a great success. Staci Bakes is donating a portion of their proceeds to Up About Downs.
- S. Yang, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder/Ontario Network of Expertise - upcoming event FASD and Sexuality on Tuesday from 10-12, flyer was shared with the Committee, our last support group with Community Living funding, we are looking for a grant for next year.
- M. Vukov, Community Living Essex County – upcoming charity golf classics, continue to check their website: mycommunityhub.ca.

10. Distribution

- Letter from I. Mizel regarding RISE program was shared with the Committee.
- April 6th Community Presentation – Data on Students with Disabilities/Stude3nt with Special Education Needs will be held at John Campbell PS from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

11. Adjournment at 2:27pm



NEXT MEETING, April 9, 2024

Board Meeting Minutes available on [GEDSB website](#).

Vicki Houston, Director of Education

Chris Mills, Administrative Liaison

[Ministry SEAC website](#)