

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

The Special Education Advisory Committee meeting was held on **Tuesday, May 11, 2021** via Microsoft Teams Meeting.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Aimee Omstead, Trustee
Cathy Cooke, 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
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

Sheila Ruggaber, Epilepsy Southwestern Ontario
Suzanne Kovach, Parents for Children's Mental Health
Bette Turner, Home and School Instruction

ABSENT

RECORDER

Peggy Russette

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: C. Cooke

Seconded by: M. Vukov

That SEAC approve the agenda for May 11, 2021.

The motion was carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved by: M. Vukov

Seconded by: C. Cooke

That SEAC approve the minutes for April 20, 2021.

The motion was carried.

4. Business Arising as a Result of the Minutes

There was no business arising as a result of the minutes.

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5. Special Education Plan 2021 Review

SEAC members were asked to review Standards 7 through 16 in preparation for this meeting. K. Sweet shared her screen of the Special Education Plan for 2021 with the committee. M. Wilcox and K. Sweet went through standards 7 to 16 of the Special Education Plan 2021 and had SEAC members make recommendations and share suggestions/concerns. Suggestions will be integrated into the plan and reviewed again at the next SEAC meeting on June 8th.

Standards 7 to 16 of the Special Education Plan 2021 are:

- Standard 7: Specialized Health Support Services in School Settings
- Standard 8: Categories and Definitions of Exceptionalities
- Standard 9: Special Education Placements Provided by the Board
- Standard 10: Individual Education Plans (IEP's) and Transition Planning
- Standard 11: Provincial Demonstration Schools in Ontario
- Standard 12: Special Education Staff
- Standard 13: Staff Development
- Standard 14: Equipment
- Standard 15: Accessibility of School Buildings
- Standard 16: Transportation

6. Special Education Update

PD Update – May 2021

- Tier 3 Team – Developmental Service Worker (DSW) L. Howson is providing PD every Tuesday for the month of May with live Boardmaker software webinars.

7. New Business

Received *Special Education Grant and Mental Health Funding Changes for 2021-22* from Assistant Deputy Minister C. Munroe, to share at the next SEAC meeting in June when the budget is discussed with Shawn Maheux.

8. Association Reports

J. Matte-Gasparovic, Autism Ontario – continuing to offer virtual activities and kits to families.
Martha Vukov, Community Living Windsor-Essex County – virtual supports continue, visit <https://mycommunityhub.ca/>

M. Fuduric, Learning Disabilities Association of Windsor-Essex County – continuing with programs. Visit <https://www.ldawe.ca> for more information.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Mary-Ann Fuduric, Chairperson
Special Education Advisory Committee

Mike Wilcox, Administrative Liaison
Special Education Advisory Committee

NEXT MEETING June 8, 2021

Board Meeting Minutes Available on GECDSB Website
<https://publicboard.ca/Board/Meetings/Pages/default.aspx>

Erin Kelly
Director of Education

Mike Wilcox
Administrative Liaison

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