

**1. Call to Order – 1:15 pm**

**2. Attendance:**

<i>North Bay</i>	<i>South River</i>	<i>Parry Sound</i>
Louise Sargent Kim Gignac Sharon Walker Susan Wilson Roslyn Bowness Barb Laverock Lisa Paradis Renee Restoule Alan Bottomley Wayde Smith Harry Fry Jarrah Coolidge	Linda Sarginson	

**Regrets:** Carol Stevens, Tammy Allan, Teryn Booth

**3. Approval of Agenda: As Amended  
March 22, 2018**

*Moved – Alan Bottomley  
Seconded – Barb Laverock  
Carried. No Conflict of interest*

**4. Approval of Minutes:  
January 18, 2018**

*Moved – Louise Sargent  
Seconded – Barb Laverock  
Carried.*

**February 15, 2018**

*Moved- Barb Laverock  
Seconded- Sharon Walker  
Carried.*

**5. Business Arising from the Minutes**

<b>Presentation – Augmentative Communication Team</b>	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One Kids Place presented to the group on the AAC program for language impairment/ low verbal children.</li> <li>• Which app the child uses is based on their assessment.</li> <li>• The group reviewed examples using iPads.</li> <li>• Provides students a voice and independence.</li> <li>• The students stay are supported with this programming until they leave school.</li> </ul>	

### **Annual Review of SEAC Terms of Reference**

- Committee members were asked to review the Terms of Reference for discussion at the next meeting.

### **Budget Process**

- Liz Therrien Superintendent of business presented to the group.
- The Board is still awaiting the announcement of the GSN which is scheduled for March 26. This is a broad provincial announcement not specific to the NNDSB.
- In November the Ministry released an 2018-19 Education Funding Engagement Guide soliciting feedback and input with regard to this engagement. The Guide is available on the Ministry's website.
- OPSBA reached out to SO's of business to help identify cost pressures and challenges going into next year's GSN's. NNDSB did provide feedback to this request from OPSBA on behalf of NNDSB.
- Liz discussed some examples that were submitted on behalf of the Board including but not limited to: declining enrolment, mental health and behaviour needs.
- There are no additional monies for special education transportation.
- Discussed the "walking school bus"
- Liz will be invited to the next meeting.

### **Budget Prioritizing**

- A key role of SEAC is to participate in the Board's annual budget process.
- The Ministry's equity action plan was embedded in the dialogue.
- The motion put forward to the Board's Budget Committee include the following recommendations from SEAC:
  1. The SEAC for the Near North District School Board supports having Differentiated Learning Resource Teachers in all schools in order to support school level student needs.
  2. The SEAC for the Near North District School Board supports the best possible allocation of central staff to support early intervention, testing and specialization (speech and language, hearing, sight, behaviour, ABA) with access across the region.
  3. The SEAC for the NNDSB supports the maintaining of Education Assistants across the Board to enable inclusionary practices for our highest needs students.
  4. The SEAC for the NNDSB supports the continued use of the model of Flexible Education Assistants in all regions to best reflect the changing and evolving needs of students.
  5. The SEAC for the NNDSB supports the professional development of all staff.
  6. The SEAC for the NNDSB supports the prioritizing of professional development in the areas of Learning

<p>Disabilities, A Tiered Approach to Supporting Students with Challenging Behaviours, One Page Profiles, and ABA strategies as innovative and evidence based approaches to support Learning for All.</p> <p>7. The SEAC for the NNDSB supports PD connected to Transition Planning as it connects to knowing and supporting our students according to strengths, needs, and student voice.</p> <p>Moved: Barb Laverock Seconded: Alan Bottomley</p> <p><b>MACSE Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moved to the next meeting</li> </ul> <p><b>Book Review – Transition Planning C26-C38</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moved to the next meeting</li> </ul>	
<b>Standing Items</b>	
<b>Capital Planning and Accommodation Updates</b>	
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<b>Special Education Report Chair report</b>	
<b>New Business</b>	Action
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<b>Correspondence</b>	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LDAO is hosting regional conferences/events, more details will follow shortly.</li> <li>The retired teachers 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary is shortly approaching with a flag raising on April 30<sup>th</sup> at 10am at City Hall. Reception will follow at the library.</li> </ul>	
<b>Items for next Agenda</b>	Action
<p>Financial Update &amp; Budget Discussion Preliminary Budget Forecast for Special Ed MACSE notes (if available) Book Review – Transition Planning C26-C38 Review LDAO's report on Special Education funding(if available) Presentation – Job Path (Tammy)</p> <p>Standing Items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Correspondence received requiring action</li> <li>Capital Plan and Accommodation Review</li> <li>Special Education Plan</li> <li>Special Education Budget</li> <li>Question period</li> </ol>	

**Next meeting date:** April 19, 2018

Adjourned: 3:14pm

Moved: Barb Laverock  
Seconded: Alan Bottomley