

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 Roslyn Bowness Harry Fry J.C. Doyle Wayde Smith Barb Laverock Tracy Hanzlik Jarrah Coolidge	Megan Jeffers Candy St. Onge Stephanie Zacharuk	Susan Wilson

Regrets: Sharon Walker, Nichole King, Laura Hansman, Lacy Farrell, Alan Bottomley

3. Approval of Agenda:

April 18, 2019

Moved – Louise Sargent

Seconded – Barb Laverock

Carried. No Conflict of interest

4. Approval of Minutes: As amended

March 21st, 2019

Moved – Louise Sargent

Seconded- Jarrah Coolidge

Carried.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

Budget Forecast and updates

- Superintendent of Business Liz Therrien spoke to the committee about the 19/20 budget.
- There is talk about the education budget growing at 1.2% however this does not represent necessarily any new monies, as an example collective agreements expiring August 31, 2019 so to honor 2-year contract extension salary benchmarks have a salary increase of 1% for the 19/20 school year; The Ministry will be increasing the transportation benchmarks by 3.52%; and there is a 2% increase for non-teaching staff in School Operations Allocation.
- The Board is still awaiting the GSN and technical paper.
- Boards are being told that the 1% in year deficit compliance may be removed from the Education Act and new legislation will be put in place giving regulatory powers to the Ministry of Education.

Action

- The Board is moving forward with the application process for Section 23; in care and treatment facilities. This is due by May 10th. Notifications of approval to School Boards will be May 30th.
- Access to EFIS should be available a few weeks after the release of the GSN. The Board is approximated 5-6 weeks behind in the budget process due to late announcements of funding from the Ministry.

Terms of Reference – Review and highlights

- SEAC is an advisory committee to the Board.
- SEAC reviews the special education plan and is involved in the budget process.
- It is not a forum for individual concerns.
- One member per association has a vote, with an alternative in place when needed.
- It was suggested that agenda items are given timeframes.
- No single member of SEAC has the authority to speak on behalf of the SEAC.
- Business arising will be put forward at the start of each meeting.
- Comments and questions should be focused on agenda items.

Presentation – Special Equipment Amount update

- There are seven inclusive technology teachers until the end of the school year.
- They are focused on supporting students with learning disabilities that would benefit from technology support.
- They are looking at what is working well and what needs improvement.
- Reviewing student OT assessments.
- A Tech Connect evening has been organized for parents. They can come with their child and learn alongside them. Flyers have been distributed. A light supper will be provided. This is posted on the Board Website.

MACSE

- MACSE has a new Chair but there are many areas still yet to be filled.
- No updates at this time.

The Whole Brain Child – Chapter 5

- Mindfulness
- The committee is to read Chapter 6 for next meeting.

Board Report

- The Board is waiting for the release of the GSN and focusing on orientation for the new trustees.

Correspondence received

- Durham Catholic DSB – concerns around provincial funding, class sizes, e-learning etc. and the impact on all students.

Motion: To write a letter to the Minister supporting the Durham Catholic DSB concerns.

Moved: Tracy Hanzlik

Seconded: Candy St. Onge

- Discussion around the Upper Grand DSB letter, that supports Grade Erie DSB wanting a formal recognition for a lifelong brain injury as a neurodevelopmental disorder, diagnosed under FASD. We will seek further clarification.

Special Education report

- In the SEAC package.
- Continuing with the four areas of priority.
- The special education plan will be brought forward next month. It must be posted on the Board’s website by July 15th.

Special Education budget

- The SEAC budget priorities will be part of the Board meeting package next month.

Service Dog Guideline Consultation

- The Ministry has had a series of consultations around a draft policy on service animals in schools.
- Our Board had its first draft guideline in 2013.

Equity Framework

- In the SEAC package.
- Reviewed and highlighted.

Standing Items

Items for next Agenda

Action

Face to Face Meeting – Almaguin – 11am.
 SEAC effectiveness and Evaluation Survey
 Special Education Plan
 Book review – Chapter 6
 Review LDAO’s report on Special Education Funding (if available)

Standing Items:

1. Correspondence received requiring action
2. Capital Plan and Accommodation Review
3. Special Education Plan
4. Special Education Budget
5. Question Period

Next meeting date: May 16th, 2019

Adjourned: 2:20pm

Moved: Louise Sargent

Seconded: Jarah Coolidge