

1. Call to Order – 1:01 pm

2. Attendance via TEAMS online meeting platform

Chris Guillemette	Laura Hansman
Susan Wilson	
Kimberley Gignac	Albina Lavictoire
Candy St. Onge	Lisa Paradis
Louise Sargent	Nichole King

Regrets: Alan Bottomley and Karen Gratton-Miscio.

3. Approval of Agenda: As amended
Sept 16, 2021

Moved – Candy St. Onge
Seconded – Chris Guillemette
Carried. No Conflict of interest

4. Approval of Minutes:
June 17, 2021

Moved – Louise Sargent.
Seconded- Chris Guillemette

Business – SEAC Annual Agenda

- Circulate in the SEAC package.
- Will keep up to date with Ministry's documents rather than show a book.
- In October, will ask SBO to come and make a presentation.
- Happy with the presentation from LearnStyle, and working with them on other things.

Business – PD Days

- Aug 31- Sept 2nd - PD Days took place for elementary and secondary got the same PD – health and safety as it related to Covid-19, and what education they need to deliver to their students.
- All students K-12 needed to receive these reminders.
- Provincial phenomenon – lots of kids stopped participating – our Board is working on a re-engagement plan.
- Nov 19th - report card preparations and interviews for elementary
- Nov 19th - Later Literacy intervention and curriculum and assessment related to de-streaming for secondary
- Jan 28th - report card preparation for elementary
- Jan 28th - semester 2 turnaround day

- Apr 29th - equity and inclusion work, anti-racism work for both elementary and secondary
- June 10th - school based PD Day – SIP plan, and find evidence that what you're doing has made a difference. Do we have a clear understanding of what students need more from us.

Business – MACSE minutes

- October and Feb dates – do not know when the minutes will be out per say.

Business – Membership

- Tracy Hanzlik – no longer with her organization; replacement will be provided once hired.
- Barb Loverack – resigned today
- Trustee Fry – resigned as of June
- Next meeting will discuss further details on membership.
- Send a nice card to Tracy and Brenda for their thanks, and Albina will provide more suggestions of gifts for next time.

Business – update Spec Ed Staffing and Programs

- No changes
- Got 2 new EAs
- Increased 4 EAs, and more CDAs
- Same is true about the Spec Ed classes. Sue Wilson shared the 2021-22 Spec Ed class list found across our Board. It was requested that this be attached to the minutes.
- Central Spec Ed Support document shared; working hard to fill the 0.5 vacancy.

Business – Land Acknowledgement presentation

- We will be asking Tracy to make this presentation for the next meeting.

COVID-19/ Ministry updates

- We were required to continue offering virtual learning, and we're offering elementary and secondary. We learned lots about technology needs, and equity.
- Still on an Octomester system.
- Guidance from Ministry has recognized that a number of experiences are very important for students - while balancing their well-being and mental health. Boards are now able to re-open on these aspects – but we have little guidance or processes about it/come up with plans with our Health Units.
- We've asked Principals to work on this at their school. Spectators are not allowed at the events at this point.
- Working on process so as Principals and teachers are working on class trips, that we have everything in place re: protocol. It is important to note that the trips need to be aware of the rules/protocols when it comes to a trip into another Health Unit's district.
- Community use – we really want to have that, but we have no guidance. Working on a draft with the health unit and coterminous schools. Staffing shortages create challenges.

- Mandatory Vaccination policy – all school board staff, trustees, all organizations that visit schools, all community partners – including construction, and all volunteers – Timelines – fully implemented by Sept 27th - working on meeting that timeline, as we work with IT on this timeline. Communication will be coming out soon with the specific processes.
- There is some info on our website that we have been mandated to request.

Correspondence – Algoma District School Board letter

- Lots of confusion between online, e-learning, and virtual learning.
- Pre-Covid the Government wanted all secondary students to do 2 e-learning as part of their secondary school experience.
- ADSB concerned with the notion that TV-Ontario will be the oversee-er of these courses.
- Big worry that it is taking these 2 courses out of the hands of these school boards.
- Last year there was a letter by the Durham School Board – Susan Wilson, do we want to bring a letter back in support?
- Concern about what was happening last year with virtual learning, but the concern that the Government made for the 2 e-learning courses. Now there is a mechanism to exempt Spec Ed kids from this. We decided not to write a letter, as we were working with the kids doing virtual learning.

Correspondence – Halton District Catholic School Board letter

- Supporting the original letter from Renfrew County – potential Bill that came forth, and only received 1 reading. Seems to have disappeared off of the landscape – consider students with FASD.
- We did write a letter of support for, and it went...suspects that it crossed paths.
- Halton Catholic is now supporting this.

Correspondence – from LDAO, and placement option description attachment

- Diane is the head from the LDAO, and she's looking for some information.
- There will be an LDAO circular soon.
- We will go through the questions, and how best to prepare this – from SEAC, or?
- 1st bullet point – we are not doing hybrid model.
- 2nd bullet point – yes. The criteria was, which kids have the highest level of need/support as they transitioned back to school. Sue working on getting those timesheets while preparing for this with EAs, DLRTS, etc.
- 3rd point – Spec Ed plan remittance – the right is there.
- 4th point – absolutely, exactly what we talk about during IPRCs. And we offer all 5 options, as per their definitions.
- Motion – to allow Tim and Sue will prepare a letter to send back to Diane Wagner with the answers above as discussed with SO Graves and Sue Wilson.
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Moved – Lousie Sarjeant

Second – Chris Guillemette.

Capital planning and accommodation updates

- Accommodation process is currently on-hold.

- The build in Parry Sound continues – replacing PSHS, Nobel and McDougall schools.
- Still in process of finishing the demo.
- Community consultation with the Architects. Board collected all of the concerns, and came out with a large document with all of the answers and concerns.
- Further – First Nation communities were invited – communities and Chiefs; still in early stages, but it is on track.
- Work with everyone to ensure that they're being consulted.
- Trustee Sargent on FJ Fricker build committee. Some discussion at the next board meeting. Things are moving along, and can provide more of an update soon.
- We are getting closer and closer to “right-sizing”. With these 2 builds placing ourselves in a really good position so a need for accommodation processes are few and far between.

Special Education Plan and Budget

- Nothing this month

Board report

- Slow summer besides the new builds, things are just starting to get rolling.
- Thanks to all of the staff for such a great start to the new school year, especially with all of these extra safety precautions.

SEAC report

- Special thanks to the committee and volunteers!

New Business

- Membership

Items for next Agenda

- Tracy Hendricks to present on Land Acknowledgement.
- SBO to prepare/discuss budget
- Membership – details from Tim

Next meeting date: Oct 21st, 2021

Adjourned: 2:31 pm

Moved: Nichole King
Seconded: Chris Guillemette