

Special Education Advisory Minutes (SEAC)

Thursday, November 17, 2022 | 1:00 p.m.

Zoom Online Meeting

Present:

Tim Graves, Superintendent of Education
Krista Holmes, Executive Assistant
Albina Lavictoire, Chair
Kim Pauli, Principal of Special Education
Chris Guillemette
Louise Sargent, Trustee
Chantal Phillips, Trustee
Jeanie Fuscaldo, Trustee
Lisa Paradis, NNDSB staff
Kara Macie, NNDSB special guest
Candy St. Onge
Chris Walkling, NNDSB special guest
Kimberly Gignac, NNDSB staff

Regrets:

Ashley St. Pierre, Trustee

Caroline Labrecque

Carol Couillard
Laura Hansman

Land acknowledgement - SO Graves

SO Graves asked if there are any other SEAC members who would like to present a future land acknowledgement

Meeting called to order at 1:07

Welcome/Introductions

The 2 new Trustees in attendance were introduced (Chantal Phillips, Jeanie Fuscaldo) as well as the rest of the SEAC committee, and special guest presenters.

Agenda Approval

Motioned by Chris Guillemette and seconded by Louise Sargent – Carried.

Approval of the Minutes of the October 20, 2022 meeting.

Motioned Chris Guillemette, and seconded Candy St. Onge - Carried

Membership Update – SO Graves

Everyone was approved at the recent board meeting for continuing their membership for this school year.

Presentation by Chris Walkling - EQAO Results 2022-23

- EQAO is moving forward with modernization of provincial testing with a number of efficiencies, both for students with and without IEPs. The process has been largely quantitative.
- The benefits of digitalization were reviewed, and it is an adaptive process.
- Reviewed 2018 – current year with some details, although not typical.
- Reviewed the field testing that took place in 2021.

- Chris will be sharing the links that go along with the document with the SEAC group so that you can see more on the assessment, as well as the math formulas that Trustee Fuscaldo inquired about.
- 2021-22 results are providing us with a new “baseline”
- An increase in respect to 2018/2019 for OSSLT, and some improvements in grade 6 reading.
- Pleased with a strong participation rate, and about 26% had accommodation during this assessment (OSSLT).
- The difference of with and without IEPs on the OSSLT slide was reviewed/discussed.

Kara Macie – special guest– Right to Read – Summary

- Kara made a presentation on the Right to Read, and how all students deserve an equal opportunity to read. Kara shared some of the major recommendations of the Inquiry and some of the program interventions that are currently underway in our system.
- Oct 2019 – OHRC Right to Read Inquiry was launched. The report was shared in February 2022. Our Board already had laid the groundwork to support the recommendations.
- The committee has requested that Kara returns for another meeting to continue with the presentation, as well as to provide an opportunity for our members to ask questions.
- A link to this presentation will be provided after Kara completes the presentation at the December SEAC meeting.

Standing Items

Community Partner updates

Community Living North Bay – Giving Tuesday (Krista will share the link to the presentation)

- Correspondence received: None in this month's package. A letter from the SEAC of Dufferin Peel District School Board will be shared next month. The letter is regarding the number of years of Secondary School eligibility.
- Ministry updates –SO Graves: CUPE has given 5 days' notice for strike action in Ontario. In the NNDSB it represents custodial, purchasing, finance, IT, secretarial. Should the strike occur, schools will be closed to in-person learning to all students. Reviewing plans will be ongoing.
- Special Education Plan – no updates
- Special Education Budget – no updates

8. Reports

- Board report (oral) – (Board Trustee): Trustee Sargent reports the first meeting of the new Board of Trustees occurred earlier this week in person. Committee membership was determined. The Board of Trustees approved the community member list for SEAC. Next Board meeting is December 13th.

- Special Education Report – Kim Pauli. The Fall DLRT meeting occurred this week on November 13th. Mental Health referrals, roles of the mental health professionals and professional learning about Selective Mutism. During the PD Day, EA's will be completing self-directed learning and Secondary teachers will be learning about Executive Functioning with Louise Maughan. The Program team is working on plans to support students with special education needs to better prepare students in Intermediate for de-streamed math. Visits to Special Education classrooms will be discussed at a future meeting.
- SEAC Chair Update: Albina shared that she visited Silver Birches earlier in the day to view the Self-Contained Special Education Classrooms (Primary Developmental Disabilities and Learning Assistance Program)

9. New Business: none at this time.

10. Next meeting –December 15, 2022

- Financial Report: Seija Van Haesendonck, SO of Business; pending Audit Committee approval.
- Principal Pauli will share updates around current projects she is working on.
- Kara Macie will be invited back to complete her presentation next month.
- Confirm the availability of an in-person space at the Board Office for the December meeting.

11. Adjournment Motioned by Candy St. Onge, second by Louise Sargent, Carried.