



Halton District School Board

HALTON DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD Special Education Advisory Committee

JWS – Large Boardroom

Tuesday, March 3, 2020, 7pm

MINUTES

Present: Joanna Oliver (Trustee); Heather Gerrits (Trustee); Alison Brindle (Learning Disabilities Association of Halton/Hamilton); Lisa Cameron (Autism Ontario); Diane Vandebossche (Learning Disabilities Association of Halton/Hamilton); Mike Brown (Halton Down Syndrome Association); Melissa Dockeray (Easter Seals Society); James Baldwin (Member at Large); Margo Shuttleworth (Trustee); Sophia Siddiqi (Halton Down Syndrome Association)

Staff: Mark Zonneveld (Superintendent); Sean Marks (Principal of Special Education); Lorna Goodrow (Administrator)

Regrets: Diane Miller (Member at Large); Lucille Morris (Member at Large); Judy Shiels (Voice); Tracey Ehl Harrison (Trustee); Deirdre Woo (Association for Bright Children); Hetal Shah (Association for Bright Children)

1.0 Opening

1.1 Welcome and Call to Order

J. Oliver called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm

1.2 Honouring the Land and Territory

J. Oliver read the Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands

1.3 Approval of Agenda

#146-20 D. Vandebossche and M. Shuttleworth

Be it resolved that the Special Education Advisory Committee approved the agenda for March 3, 2020.

Carried Unanimously

1.4 Minutes of February 4, 2020

#147-20 A. Brindle and J. Baldwin

Be it resolved that the minutes for the meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee for February 4, 2020 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

2.0 Action

2.1 Student Census

Rob Eatough, Superintendent, Equity and Inclusive Education, Mary Marshall, Principal, Equity and Diversity and Rossana Bisceglia, Research and Accountability, presented a slideshow on the above. After the presentation, questions of clarification were asked by several SEAC members. The panel addressed these questions. A break-out session was held for SEAC's feedback on the Student Census.

2.2 Mental Health Update

Michelle Bates, Manager, Student Services for Mental Health, provided an update to all SEAC members. Several SEAC members had questions and these were addressed by M. Bates.

2.3 LDAHH Presentation

A. Brindle and D. Vandebossche presented a slideshow on their Association (Learning Disabilities Association of Halton/Hamilton, (LDAHH)).

3.0 SEAC Discussion/Question Period

3.1 L. Cameron asked who CYCs are accountable to? M. Zonneveld confirmed that they are accountable to the Board's 6 Managers of Professional Services. L. Cameron had concerns that CYCs are sometimes not where they "need to be" and why is that? M. Zonneveld responded that all CYCs are given schools and have set schedules, but there are times when their schedules can't be met (e.g. needs that may arise, off-site meetings or the current labour sanctions.) M. Shuttleworth inquired about elections for chair and vice-chair for SEAC. M. Zonneveld commented that there is no formal documentation that says we must hold an election once a year.

4.0 Communication to SEAC

4.1 Superintendent's Report – March 3, 2020

1. ASSDP Update - Work is ongoing in preparation for the After School Skills Development Program for Kindergarten students with ASD. The hiring of staff has been delayed due to the labour sanctions. We are awaiting confirmation from our union partners as to whether or not this program is sanctioned work. If the program start is delayed we will determine how late we can start or if we must cancel the program for this spring. We will keep SEAC informed as decisions are made.

2. SBRS Update - Funding and service delivery for School Based Rehabilitation Services through Erinoak are changing. Area school boards have been meeting with Erinoak to clarify the new service delivery models and communicate those models to parents. A full update on the new models will be shared with SEAC in the near future.

3. Labour Update - Labour sanctions are ongoing. There have been significant restrictions on internal work including meetings, professional development, projects, and new initiatives. The main impacts for students with special needs include: no elementary report cards, marks only on secondary report cards, and some delays in services due to strike days. Here is the most recent message that went home to families:

Dear families of HDSB elementary and secondary students,

Friday, Feb. 21: All schools closed to students

A tentative agreement has not been reached therefore the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) and the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF) will engage in a one-day province wide walkout on Friday, Feb. 21 impacting all Ontario elementary and secondary schools.

As a result, all schools in the HDSB will be closed on Friday, Feb. 21 as there will not be adequate supervision to ensure the safety of students.

This walkout is a result of central bargaining taking place between the unions, the Government of Ontario and the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA).

For a list of HDSB employee groups, please visit the HDSB Employee Groups page on our website.

Please note the following:

Athletics, Extracurriculars and Field Trips: School athletics, extracurricular activities and field trips scheduled for Friday, Feb. 21 are cancelled. Attempts will be made to reschedule these events.

Adult Day School Classes: Adult day school credit classes are cancelled for Friday, Feb. 21. Dual credit courses at colleges and secondary schools are cancelled as well.

Community Use Rentals: Community Use rentals will not be impacted.

We will continue to provide you with accurate and timely information as we are able through School Messenger, the HDSB website and the Board's social media pages (Twitter/Facebook/Instagram).

To learn more about the Collective Bargaining process and current status updates, please visit this page: <https://www.opsba.org/advocacy-and-action/labour-relations>.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Sincerely,

Stuart Miller
Director of Education

4.2 Association Reports

A. Brindle – LDAHH conference will be held March 11, 2020 at Holiday Inn in Burlington.

S. Siddiqi – World Down's Syndrome Day will be March 21, 2020.

4.3 Trustee Reports

H. Gerrits reported the following on behalf of M. Shuttleworth: We recently had student trustee elections, and we're proud to have representation from a student from the CPP program at M.M. Robinson. Our Multi Year Plan (MYP) is in the process of being finalized, and will soon be shared

with the greater community for approval. Tomorrow night's meeting will also look at the naming of the new school in Oakville and 2 boundary reviews.

J. Oliver reported that the Calendar committee met in February. Report 20027 in the March 4th Board package contains the proposed calendar for the 2020-21 school year for approval by the Board of Trustees.

4.4 Committee Reports

- PIC – none
- Accessibility Coordinating Committee - none
- Equity and Inclusive Education Advisory Steering Committee – D. Vandenbossche reported that they will meet next week.
- Nelson/Robert Bateman HS Integration Steering Committee – none
- Central/Robert Bateman HS IB Program Integration Steering Committee – none

5.0 Next Agenda/Order Paper

Jewel Amoah, Human Rights and Equity

Easter Seals Presentation

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Next SEAC meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2020.

6.0 Adjournment

6.1 J. Oliver adjourned the meeting at 9:25 pm .