



# Halton District School Board

## HALTON DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD Special Education Advisory Committee

JWS – Large Boardroom

Tuesday, November 5th, 2019, 7pm

### MINUTES

Present: Lisa Cameron (Autism Ontario); Deirdre Woo (Association for Bright Children); James Baldwin (Member at Large); Joanna Oliver (Trustee); Tracey Ehl Harrison (Trustee); Margo Shuttleworth (Trustee); Heather Gerrits (Trustee); Lucille Morris (Member at Large); Alison Brindle (Learning Disabilities Association of Halton/Hamilton); Diane Vandenbossche (Learning Disabilities Association of Halton/Hamilton); Melissa Dockeray (Easter Seals Society); Diane Miller (Member at Large);

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

Regrets: Sophia Siddiqi (Halton Down Syndrome Association); Hetal Shah (Association for Bright Children); Judy Shiels (Voice); Mike Brown (Halton Down Syndrome Association)

Guests: Andréa Grebenc (Trustee-Chair)

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#### **1.0 Opening**

##### **1.1 Welcome and Call to Order**

L. Morris called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm

##### **1.2 Honouring the Land and Territory**

J. Oliver read the Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands

##### **1.3 Approval of Agenda**

#138-20 M. Shuttleworth and J. Baldwin

A. Brindle asked that the Central/Bateman HS IB Program Integration Steering Committee be added to this agenda under 4.4 Committee Reports. Be it resolved that the Special Education Advisory Committee approved the agenda for November 5, 2019.

**Carried Unanimously**

##### **1.4 Minutes of October 15, 2019**

#139-20 L. Cameron and D. Vandenbossche

Be it resolved that the minutes for the meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee for October 15, 2019 be approved.

**Carried Unanimously**

## **2.0 Action**

### **2.1 HDSB Multi Year Plan Development-Facilitated by Maximum City**

D. Boag introduced Maximum City who presented their Multi Year Development Plan for the Halton District School Board. SEAC members were invited to participate in a Q&A.

### **2.2 Survey for Potential SEAC Topics**

The results of the survey that was sent 2 weeks ago to all SEAC members was discussed.

## **3.0 SEAC Discussion/Question Period**

M. Dockeray brought up parents' concerns regarding the outdoor classroom at Nelson High School as well as other concerns they have. Parents would like to address their concerns to SEAC. M. Zonneveld suggested that this be addressed at next month's meeting. L. Morris asked the whole committee for their approval. There was consensus that this would be addressed at next month's SEAC meeting.

## **4.0 Communication to SEAC**

### **4.1 Superintendent's Report – November 5, 2019**

1. Agenda Item 2.1 Multi-Year Plan - The HDSB 2016-2020 Multi-Year Plan (MYP) will conclude at the end of this school year. We are working with a consulting firm, Maximum City, to help us develop our MYP for the next four years. Maximum City is facilitating sessions to gather input from a number of stakeholder groups. Tonight is SEAC's opportunity to provide input for the board's direction over the next four years.

2. After School Skills Development Program - All boards are required, and have been provided funding, to provide an After School Skills Development Program for students with autism. The Ministry of Education is hosting a webinar later this month to provide information to boards that should help guide our decisions in the development of this program. More information will be shared with SEAC in the near future.

3. Service Animal Admin Procedure - All boards are required to develop an administrative procedure for the use of service animals in schools. Earlier in the fall the Ministry of Education provided direction in this regard and boards have recently received legal advice to guide the development of this admin procedure. Staff are working on a draft of this procedure which will be shared with SEAC in the near future.

### **4.2 Association Reports**

October was LD Awareness month and we completed a number of successful events. Going forward, we will be launching registration for our March 2020 Solutions for Learning Conference which is focused on best practice in supporting students with Learning Disabilities and ADHD. LDAHH will provide further information as the conference progresses.

### **4.3 Trustee Reports**

J. Oliver announced that the Halton District School Board has appointed Dr. Jewel Amoah as their Human Rights and Equity Advisor (HREA).

#### **4.4 Committee Reports**

- PIC - none
- Accessibility Coordinating Committee – J. Oliver announced that L. Morris is taking on the role of SEAC rep for this committee. The annual operational plan is under review and more input from SEAC will be sought on this plan.
- Equity and Inclusive Education Advisory Steering Committee – D. Vandebossche reported their first meeting will be held Thursday, November 7, 2019 and will bring a report next month.
- Nelson/Robert Bateman HS Integration Steering Committee – First meeting was 2 weeks ago and was very successful.
- Central/Robert Bateman HS IB Program Integration Steering Committee – A. Brindle reported that there was very strong energy at their meeting with bringing this program together at Central HS. Will be looking at mental health supports and improving accessibility at Central HS.

#### **5.0 Next Agenda/Order Paper**

Outdoor classroom at Nelson HS and accessibility at Central HS  
Accessibility Coordinating Committee

#### **6.0 Adjournment**

6.1 L. Morris adjourned the meeting at 8:47 pm