

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

January 25, 2023, Meeting – Rescheduled to February 15, 2023

PUBLIC MEETING

Roll Call:

Trustees:	Members:
T. Lloyd K. McGregor	<p>Present:</p> <p>S. Henderson-Todd, Lennox and Addington Resources for Children H. Simson, Learning Disabilities Association of Kingston A. Martin, Member-at-Large (Queen’s University) Z. Rogers, Community Living Kingston L. Clouthier, Easter Seals Ontario</p> <p>Regrets:</p> <p>C. Carriere-Prill, Member-at-Large C. Norwich-Stevenson, Member-at-Large</p>
	<p>Staff:</p> <p>M. Blackburn, Principal of Educational Services J. Lalonde, Special Education Program Coordinator L. Conboy, Mental Health Lead W. Fisher, Educational Services and Safe Schools Coordinator S. Gillam, Superintendent, Learning for All J. Grasse, Vice-Principal of Educational Services C. Snider, Special Education Program Coordinator T. Vail, Special Education Program Coordinator A. Ward, Special Education Program Coordinator L. Rose-Hartwick, Special Education Support Teacher</p>
Recorder:	Guests:
J. Senior, Administrative Assistant	<p>M. Michaud, Learning Disabilities Support Program (LD) C. Laird, District Autism Program (DAC) M. Potter, District Learning Centre (DLC) A. Dale, Education and Community Partner Program (ECCP) M. Aylesworth, Elementary School to Community (SCS) A. Lamont, Secondary School to Community (SCS) S. Stinson, Secondary School to Community (SCS)</p>

1. WELCOME

Chair McGregor called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Principal Michael Blackburn introduced the Educational Services SEAC Team for the 2022-2023 School Year.

Chair McGregor read the Acknowledgement of Territory:

“The Limestone District School Board is situated on the traditional territories of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee. We acknowledge their enduring presence on this land, as well as the presence of Métis, Inuit, and other First Nations from across Turtle Island. We honour their cultures and celebrate their commitment to this land.”

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOVED BY: Trustee Lloyd that the agenda be approved. Carried.

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None at this time.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 SEAC Minutes – December 14, 2022

MOVED BY: Trustee Lloyd that the December 14, 2022, SEAC Minutes be approved. Carried.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None at this time.

6. EDUCATION SERVICES UPDATE

6.1 Presentation: Educational Services Programs – Principal Michael Blackburn introduced the speakers:

- Learning Disabilities Support Program (LD) - Melissa Michaud
- District Autism Program (DAC) - Cynthia Laird
- District Learning Centre (DLC) - Marnie Potter
- Education and Community Partner Program (ECCP) - Andrew Dale
- Elementary School to Community (SCS) - Matt Aylesworth
- Secondary School to Community (SCS) - Ashley Lamont and Scott Stinson

Each speaker presented detailed information regarding their specific program. Chair McGregor called upon SEAC Members for questions.

7. ASSOCIATION UPDATES

Helen Simson, Learning Disabilities Association of Kingston (LDAK)

Free Webinar - Neurodiversity: Disability or Difference (Page 10)

Join LDAK for an introduction to neurodiversity! Learn about the strengths, challenges and supports available to neurodiverse thinkers and the importance of understanding this social movement. Featured Speaker: Sumita Mendiratta is a psychologist, Health Researcher and ReadON programmer specializing in learning difficulties and developmental issues. Sumita has a deep understanding of neurodiversity and extensive experience helping students create connections and stability in their lives.

- Date: January 26, 2023
- Time: 7:00 pm
- Registration: Eventbrite

8. OTHER BUSINESS – Administrative Report: Superintendent’s Report

A. Ministry Updates:

None currently.

B. Educational Services Update:

February 3, 2023, PA Day Professional Development Sessions

On February 3rd, Educational Services staff, Program Team staff, and Community partners will offer a wide variety of professional development sessions aimed to support Educational Assistants. Topics include Emotion Coaching, Indigenous Education, Oral Language, ABA Classroom Strategies, and Student-Centred Personal Care to name a few. Sessions are being offered in person and virtually to meet the needs of as many EAs as possible. Please see the flyer which is included in the meeting package. A huge thanks to the Educational Services leadership team for organizing this amazing opportunity and to all the presenters and support staff. It is sure to be a great day of learning together.

Triboard SEAC Meeting

The date for the Triboard SEAC Meeting has been set for Wednesday, May 31, 2023. Our LDSB SEAC will begin at 5 pm and we will join Hastings/Prince Edward and Algonquin at 6 pm for our joint meeting. This year, Limestone will be hosting the 6-7 pm portion of the meeting. Plans for this hour will be brought forward to a future SEAC.

Multi-Year Accessibility Plan Update 2023-2026

The LDSB multi-Year Accessibility Plan is developed in accordance with the Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA). It incorporates the intentions of the Board to meet its obligations under the Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005. The Accessibility Plan describes the measure that the Board will take over the 3-year period from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2026, to identify, remove, and prevent barriers to people with disabilities who work, learn, and participate in the School Board community and environment including students, staff, parents and caregivers, volunteers, and visitors to the Board and its schools.

The Limestone District School Board is committed to the continual improvement of access to school board facilities, policies, programs, practices, and services for people with disabilities. The plan is guided by the Board's Accessibility Standards-Policy Statement Board's Accessibility Standards-Policy Statement as well as the Board's Mission, Vision and Values.

The LDSB Accessibility Planning Committee has been busy adjusting the multi-Year plan during the 2022-23 school year. The draft Multi-Year Accessibility Plan 2023-2026 will be brought to February's SEAC meeting for feedback and discussion. There are also plans to consult with staff, students and the community agencies through social media and the website. Finally, any details related to the plan that are referenced in the Special Education Review will be brought to the Committee's attention as well.

Clinical Community Collaboration Sessions

Clinical staff have organized three recent community collaboration sessions to share information about services/supports for students within our Board and the broader community. Previous sessions were held with the Autism Resource Hub and DDCP. The next session will include KidsInclusive as well as the Behaviour Action Team, School to Community team, and other Educational Services leadership personnel.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY: Trustee Lloyd that the meeting adjourn. Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.