

SEAC

Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday, DRAFT, 2016

MEMBERSHIP	IN ATTENDANCE	REGRETS
Local Associations – Representatives with Alternates	Association for Bright Children – Kathleen Keane Autism Society of Ontario – Ray Bedard Council for Exceptional Children, Chapter 81 – Jacqui Specht Epilepsy Support Centre – Mary McDonald Learning Disabilities Association London Region – Mary Lou Van Berkel London Down Syndrome Association – Angela Janssen Ontario Association for Families of Children With Communication Disorders - Michelle Ryan	
Community Representatives	Children’s Aid Society – Thames Valley Children’s Centre – Jenny Kermer	
System Representatives	Mary Ellen Cornelius, Stephanie Circelli	Michael Lynch
Administration	Judith Desjardins, Kelly Holbrough	
Trustees	John Jevnikar, Stephan Paul	
Guests		
Recorder	Judith Desjardins	
Prayer	All	

Standing Items	Discussion	Action	Responsibility/ Timeline
1. Opening Prayer and Approval of Agenda	Agenda approved.	That the agenda be approved Moved by: M. Ryan Seconded by: M. McDonald	
2. Approval of Minutes of Monday, September 19, 2016	Minutes approved.	That the minutes be approved Moved by: M. Ryan Seconded by: J. Specht	
3. Business Arising from the Minutes			
4. Chair’s Report. M. Van Berkel	Correspondence N/A Update from Planning Committee – SEAC Parent Networking 2016-2017		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sub-Committee: A. Janssen (Chair); R. Bedard; ML Van Berkel; K. Keane; J. Desjardins • There has not been a planning meeting to date. Planning via phone conferencing is set November 21 and November 28. <p>Resignation of the Chair The Chair is going to resign her position as of January 1, 2017. There will be an election for Chair at the December meeting.</p>	Any member interested in assuming the Chair is asked to forward their intent to J. Desjardins by email.	Association Members/before December 20
5. Superintendent's Report K. Holbrough	<p>LD Pilot for Reading Intervention – Update Postings are being prepared for a teacher, Psycho Ed. Consultant and a new system position with CYW qualifications and assistive technology skills. St. Catherine of Siena and St. Marguerite d'Youville are the school locations for the program due to the cluster of students with Learning Disabilities within these schools. Dr. Rhonda Martinussen from the University of Toronto is leading the Ministry research project. LDCSB staff will visit the program at Waterloo Region District School Board to learn from their experience using Empower of the past 12 years.</p> <p>Components of Special Education Plan and Report 2017 K. Holbrough has looked at the Special Education Plan and Report from several school boards, including: Simcoe Muskoka Catholic, Avon Maitland and Wellington Catholic. Members are asked to review the formats of the plans and advise K. Holbrough on the format that they prefer.</p> <p>http://smcdsb.on.ca/UserFiles/Servers/Server_29970/Image/Programs/Special%20Education/SpecialEducationPlan2016-17.pdf</p> <p>http://www.st-clair.net/Data/Sites/1/media/public/SpecialEd/Spec%20Ed%20Report/2016%20Special%20Education%20Report.pdf</p> <p>http://yourschools.ca/wp-content/uploads/pdf/special-education/Special-Education-Plan-2016.pdf</p> <p>http://www.wellingtoncdsb.ca/Programs/Special-Education/Documents/SpecialEducationPlan2016-17.pdf</p>	Members are asked to review the various formats and advise K. Holbrough of their preference.	Members/December 20

	<p>Sections of the current plan have been sent to the System Support Teams (i.e. Psychology, Speech Language Pathology, and Social Work) for their discipline's suggested updates.</p> <p>October Report Data: Number of exceptional students and exceptionalities etc Presented by J. Desjardins Bar graphs from EDGE4 were distributed to members. The data showed the breakdown of exceptionalities by board, secondary panel and elementary panel. In the Board the exceptionalities from greatest student population to least is as follows: Learning Disability (738); Behavioural (553); Not IPRC, Spec Ed (535); Multiple Exceptionalities (348); Mild Intellectual Disability (253); Language Impairment (239); Developmental Disability (183); Physical Disability (154); Autism (151); Giftedness (132); Deaf and Hard of Hearing (83); Speech Impairment (42); and, Blind and Low Vision (29). A discussion regarding the Ministry noted trend across the province that more and more students are receiving special education programs and/or services without being identified by IPRC is increasing. Likewise, students receiving special education programs and/or services who are also identified by an IPRC are decreasing. SEAC had a good discussion that left the group with more questions than answers regarding this trend and the implications of the trend. Is funding tied to the IPRC? What triggers an IEP? What does an IPRC really do? What is causing this trend? Action items from the discussion are noted.</p>	<p>Members are encouraged to talk to their provincial associations regarding this trend. What is being heard?</p> <p>A future meeting to discuss this trend/item further was suggested.</p>	<p>Association Members/ongoing</p>
Program Items	Discussion	Action	Responsibility/ Timeline
	<p>EQAQO – Deferred to December</p> <p>Passages Update Presented by M. Ryan LDCSB in partnership with the TVDSB and TVCC planned the Passages event. The event focused on transitions. 200 people signed in. The committee estimated that 300 people were in full attendance as it was noticed that only one person signed in to represent the family. The parent panels were well received. There will be a meeting with the committee to review the exit cards. Next year, LDCSB is the host.</p>		
Information Items	Discussion	Action	Responsibility/ Timeline
Updates from Associations	<p>Association for Bright Children – Kathleen Keane The Ministry is working on the definition of Gifted. It is supposed to be coming out in March.</p>		

	<p>Autism Society of Ontario – Ray Bedard December 14 – Christmas Party.</p> <p>Council for Exceptional Children, Chapter 81 – Jacqui Specht Have not met this fall yet. Ontario Conference is coming up December 2/3rd in Toronto.</p> <p>Epilepsy Support Centre – Mary MacDonald Epilepsy Southwestern Ontario – note the name change. Christmas Party-December 14. Epilepsy Information Day-March 4.</p> <p>Learning Disabilities Association – London Region – Mary Lou Van Berkel N/A</p> <p>London Down Syndrome Association – Angela Janssen Annual Gala was a fabulous event. December 14-Christmas Party. Social Skills Program is upcoming in January. The webpage is looking to be updated – volunteers are welcome to help support this development.</p> <p>Ontario Association for Families of Children With Communication Disorders – Michelle Ryan N/A</p> <p>Thames Valley Children’s Centre- Jenny Kermer The organization continues to move with changes: Autism Programs and Special Needs Strategy.</p>		
Next Meeting:	SEAC – Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room, CEC	That the meeting be adjourned Moved by: M. Ryan Seconded by: M. McDonald	