
The Special Education Advisory Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at the Administration Office.

Beverly Clarke, Learning Disabilities Association of Windsor-Essex County
Susan Smith, Community Living (Windsor/Essex County)
Mary MacLauchlan, Autism Ontario (Windsor-Essex)
Karen Wilson, Parents for Children's Mental Health
Connie Buckler, Trustee
Kim McKinley, Trustee
Monica Gilles, Windsor Essex County Down Syndrome Association
Bette Turner Windsor Council of Home and School Associations,
Mary-Ann Fuduric, Brain Injury Association of Windsor & Essex County
Beth Cook, Indigenous Community

Lynn McLaughlin – Superintendent of Special Education
Jackie Connelly – OPC Elementary Representative
Mike Wilcox, Principals, Special Education Programs and Services

Melissa MacIntyre – OPC Secondary Representative
Meghan Johnson, Canadian Hearing Society

Marion Goyette

1. Call to Order

Bev Clarke called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

2. Attendance

B. Clarke reported regrets from Meghan Johnson from the Canadian Hearing Society.

3. Approval of Agenda

_____ K. McKinley
_____ K. Wilson

4. Business Arising as a Result of the Minutes

B. Clarke reviewed the Point of Order that was emailed to committee members

Amendment 2. - M. MacLauchlan added to a discussion point regarding a Western program being partially integrated and LDCC courses offered there.

6. News From the Classroom

Tammy Wilcox, Educational Coordinator, presented on how students in the ASD classroom at A.V. Graham Public School were prepared for a school field trip to the Tecumseh arena to ice skate. The pre-field trip was to prepare the students for the noises, the cold and other experiences encountered at an arena. The staff were also able to take the opportunity to incorporate classroom lessons on this trip as well. The ASD classroom is a fully self-contained system placement for students from other schools in the Board who are not experiencing success despite intensive intervention. Language, communication and ABA are addressed in this short term placement. This classroom is also a demonstration site where staff from all schools can go to observe and learn.

7. EQAO Results – Secondary Panel

Superintendent Houston reviewed the assessment results for the 2013-2014 year elementary and 2014 2015 secondary panel. The procedure for exemption and deferral was explained. Accommodations for the EQAO are directly related to the accommodations on the IEP for the student. 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L. McLaughlin reported that the IEPs were part of the sanctions for Elementary Teachers. They are now expected to be completed by the end of November. The question was asked whether there are IEPs for a non – identified students. The response was it would depend on the needs of the student and parents can discuss this with the school.

12. Association Reports

B. Turner reported that the association will start back to normal now that the schools are not under sanctions.

M. Stonefish stated there is a parent meeting and election on November 18th at 5:30 at John Campbell Public School.

Autism Ontario's Chapter & SEAC training is Nov 12-14th in Alliston.

The following are some of the presenters:

Sarah Hardy for MCYS manager of Autism Unit,

Julie Williams Manager, special education policy and programs branch, Ministry of Education in attendance with

Kathryn Nowina & Alexisi Stefanowich-Thomson from Ministry of Education and Joseph Trovato, Chair of Ministry's Advisory Council of Special Education

Should be an exciting 3 days.

November 23 and 24th is the Annual Conference at the Downtown Marriott - Eaton Center in Toronto.

The association held a successful workshop that coaches, educators and concerned parents attended. Sharon Seslija presented the Board's concussion policy.

LDAWE will have PA day camps running. A student at Sandwich Secondary School held a haunted house and hosted several hundred people. This event raised \$409.00.

No report.

Community Living