

KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

DRAFT SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, February 7, 2023, at 3:30 p.m.
Webex, Education Centre, Peterborough ON

ATTENDANCE

Present:	A. Lloyd	Trustee (Committee Chairperson)
	A. Rodriguez	Community Living Peterborough (Committee Vice-chairperson)
	J. Klassen Jeninga	Trustee
	P. Brown	Trustee (alternate)
	J. Camenzuli	Five Counties Children's Centre
	S. Gonsalves	Easter Seals Ontario
	K. Hill	Canopy Support Services
	J. Hunter	Curve Lake First Nation
	N. Lajoie	Brain Injury Association Peterborough Region
	J. McIntyre	Kinark Child and Family Services
	K. Meades	Alternatives Community Program Services Incorporated (alternate)
	M. Robinson	Autism Ontario
	A. Spencer	Developmental Services Ontario

Regrets:	K. Baker	Alternatives Community Program Services Incorporated
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Also Present: A.M. Duncan, M. Borgatti, M. Brynaert, A. Cleave-Unruh, D. Crawford, S. Kerr, M. Masterson, J. Shuttleworth, E. Walduck, A. Zealand and L. Hull.

Land Acknowledgement

Trustee A. Lloyd, called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m. It was recognized and acknowledged that the land on which we gather and learn daily is the treaty and traditional territory of the Michi Saagiig Anishnaabeg.

Adoption of Agenda

MOVED BY J. Klassen Jeninga, SECONDED BY M. Robinson
That the agenda be adopted as printed.

CARRIED

Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Nil.

Adoption of Minutes

MOVED BY N. Lajoie, SECONDED BY M. Robinson

That the Minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, be adopted as recorded. **CARRIED**

Board Report

Trustees A. Lloyd and J. Klassen Jeninga updated the committee on events and initiatives being undertaken by the Board.

J. Klassen Jeninga updated the committee on a meeting that occurred between the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board (KPR) Trustees, the Minister of Education, Stephen Lecce and the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, David Piccini to discuss the challenges of having Clarke High School located on Highway 115 and the over crowding of Newcastle Public School. Additional capital funding to build a new school has been requested from the Ministry of Education.

Trustee J. Klassen Jeninga reported that the Board has approved and adopted the Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities Policy. This policy supports the Board's legislated duties and obligations to the communities it serves under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act. The new policy will address many different types of barriers within the board environment including architectural, attitudinal, information and communication, physical, systemic or technological.

The Board has reviewed the Director's Annual Report for 2022, and this report can be accessed and reviewed on the KPR website. Additional information was shared: a tender that has been approved for improvements and roof replacement at James Strath Public School, updates on the Board's Strategic Plan 2019-2022 and the approval of several new scholarships.

Trustee A. Lloyd addressed the Director's Annual Report for 2022 by commending and highlighting the ongoing work within the KPR schools despite the challenges that the Board faced with COVID-19.

The KPR Trustees attended the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) conference that took place in Toronto. The conference offered learning on equity, inclusion, and diversity, Right to Read inquiry and Indigenous culture.

Trustee A. Lloyd extended a thank you to the agencies represented on the KPR Special Education Advisory Committee for their ongoing collaboration and commitment to all KPR students.

Presentations

E. Walduck, Instructional Leadership Consultant, A. Cleave-Unruh, Secondary Learning and Life Skills (LLS) Teacher, S. Kerr, Secondary Special Education Lead Teacher, E. Healey, Primary Communication Classroom (PCC) Teacher, and A. Zealand, Board Certified Behaviour Analyst (BCBA), provided a presentation on the LLS and PCC system classes in the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board (KPR). Information regarding the following was shared:

- placement, programming and classroom locations for LLS in KPR;
- LLS program in action at Colborne Public School;
- placement and programming for the four PCC pilot classes;
- supporting the principles of Applied Behaviour Analysis in the PCC program;
- curriculum assessments: Assessment of Basic Language and Learning Skills – Revised (ABLLS-R), and Prompting the Emergence of Advanced Knowledge (PEAK);
- PCC program in action at James Strath Public School, and;
- parent testimonials.

Questions and clarification posed by committee members were addressed.

Administrative Updates

Superintendent Duncan presented an overview on the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) 2021-2022 results for KPR. Information regarding the following was shared:

- KPR Strategic Plan and Board Action Plan connections;
- overview of EQAO;
- 2022 success of participating students on the EQAO assessment of reading, writing and math in Grades 3 and 6;
- 2022 success of first-time participating students on the EQAO assessment of math in Grade 9;
- 2022 success of first-time eligible participating students on the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT);
- EQAO accommodations, programs and strategies for students with special needs.

Superintendent Duncan addressed questions and clarification posed by committee members.

Superintendent Duncan updated the committee on additional professional learning opportunities being offered to the special education department including mental health literacy for education workers presented by Dr. D. Swift, equity, diversity and inclusion presented by A. Jaglall, and the *Braiding Sweetgrass* book club presented by J. Outram and R. Rego. The Special Education Department continues to offer system learning on early literacy, in collaboration with the Elementary Program Department, and on refining Individual Education Plans (IEP) with a focus on IEPs modified at grade level.

J. Shuttleworth, System Principal of Special Education, presented a brief overview on the updated modified at Grade level IEP Guidelines document including presenting the Modified at Grade Level Example IEP document and Modified at Grade Level Past and Present Practices document.

More information will be presented to the committee when the LLS class numbers and PCC pilot are reviewed and finalized for the 2023-2024 school year.

Superintendent Duncan reported to the committee that discussion occurred with the Principal and Vice-principal Special Education Advisory Committee around best practices for ensuring education workers have breaks when short-staffed, as well as providing time for education workers to submit incident reports for tracking purposes. Time to present this discussion from the Principal and Vice-principal Special Education Advisory Committee will be arranged at a principal and vice-principal meeting to elicit more strategies and share creative solutions to support the whole system.

Association Updates

Verbal reports that included updates on upcoming meetings, in-services, projects, and various events were provided by the following associations:

- Brain Injury Association Peterborough Region
- Alternatives Community Program Services
- Developmental Services Ontario
- Autism Ontario
- Easter Seals Ontario
- Curve Lake First Nation
- Kinark Child and Family Services
- Community Living Peterborough

New Business

Committee Membership – Frontenac Youth Services

Trustee A. Lloyd, Committee Chairperson, reported that correspondence has been received from Frontenac Youth Services, nominating Melanie Brynaert as their representative to SEAC.

MOVED BY A. Rodriquez, SECONDED BY M. Robinson
That Melanie Brynaert be appointed representative to the Special Education Advisory Committee for Frontenac Youth Services, for the four-year term 2023-2026.

CARRIED

Trustee A. Lloyd, Committee Chairperson, reported that correspondence has been received from Frontenac Youth Services, nominating Marlene E. Pike as their alternate representative to SEAC.

MOVED BY J. Klassen Jeninga, SECONDED BY A. Rodriquez
That Marlene E. Pike be approved as alternate representative to the Special Education Committee for Frontenac Youth Services, for the four-year term 2023-2026.

CARRIED

Trustee A. Lloyd, Committee Chairperson, reported that correspondence has been received from Grandview Kids, nominating Melodie Muir as their representative to SEAC.

MOVED BY M. Robinson, SECONDED BY A. Spencer
That Melodie Muir be appointed representative to the Special Education Advisory Committee for Grandview Kids, for the four-year term 2023-2026.

CARRIED

Trustee A. Lloyd, Committee Chairperson, reported that correspondence has been received from Grandview Kids, nominating Andrea Belanger as their alternate representative to SEAC.

MOVED BY J. Klassen Jeninga, SECONDED BY M. Robinson
That Andrea Belanger be approved as alternate representative to the Special Education Committee for Grandview Kids, for the four-year term 2023-2026.

CARRIED

Future Meeting Dates

The next meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7, 2023.

Adjournment

MOVED BY M. Robinson, SECONDED BY A. Rodriguez
That the meeting be adjourned (5:13 p.m.).

CARRIED

A. Lloyd
Committee Chairperson