

KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

DRAFT SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, April 4, 2023, at 3:30 p.m.
Education Centre, Peterborough ON

ATTENDANCE

Present:	A. Lloyd P. Brown	Trustee (Committee Chairperson) Trustee (alternate)
Present via Webex:	J. Klassen Jeninga K. Baker A. Belanger M. Brynaert J. Camenzuli S. Gonsalves J. Hunter J. McIntyre M. Robinson	Trustee Alternatives Community Program Services Incorporated Grandview Kids Frontenac Youth Services Five Counties Children's Centre Easter Seals Ontario Curve Lake First Nation Kinark Child and Family Services Autism Ontario
Regrets:	K. Hill N. Lajoie A. Rodriguez	Canopy Support Services Brain Injury Association Peterborough Region Community Living Peterborough (Committee Vice-chairperson)
Absent:	A. Spencer	Developmental Services Ontario
Also Present:	A.M. Duncan, D. Crawford, J. Shuttleworth and L. Hull.	
Also Present via Webex:	M. Masterson.	

Land Acknowledgement

Trustee A. Lloyd called the meeting to order at 3:32 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. Hunter, SECONDED BY M Brynaert
That the agenda be adopted as printed.

CARRIED

Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Nil.

Adoption of Minutes

MOVED BY M. Robinson, SECONDED BY J. Klassen Jeninga
That the Minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, be adopted as printed.

CARRIED

Business Arising from the Minutes

Trustee A. Lloyd presented the letter written to the Minister of Education, Stephen Lecce, regarding funding of the Special Incidence Portion (SIP), urging the Minister to increase the funding to reflect the actual cost associated with supporting students with highest needs.

MOVED BY M. Robinson, SECONDED BY J. Klassen Jeninga
That the letter will be sent to the Minister of Education as printed.

CARRIED

Board Report

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

Trustee J. Klassen Jeninga reported that the Board approved the creation of a second French immersion program in the Port Hope High School catchment area, to be established at Beatrice Strong Public School, effective September 2024. The Board received correspondence from the Municipality of Clarington detailing a motion approved by the Council in support of the Board's funding application to build a new Kindergarten to Grade 12 school in Newcastle. It was shared that the Board approved a tender to replace the roof at Baltimore Public School and approved four annual Northumberland Manufacturing Association Awards to graduating students at Campbellford District High School, Cobourg Collegiate Institute, East Northumberland Secondary School and Port Hope High School.

The committee heard that the Board reaffirmed the Board's membership in the Ontario Public School Boards' Association for 2023, and reappointed Trustee A. Lloyd as a Director and Delegate Member to the Association; Trustee P. Brown was appointed as Alternate Director.

Trustee A. Lloyd discussed the upcoming budget challenges and priorities that will be reflected in the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board (KPR) New Strategic Plan.

Trustee P. Brown added that special education continues to be an important focus for the Board in relation to the discussion of budgeting.

Presentations

D. Crawford and J. Shuttleworth, System Principals of Special Education provided a presentation on supporting the individual education plan (IEP) pathway. Information regarding the following was shared:

- related Ministry of Education resources and KPR Board policies;
- the KPR Supporting Student's Checklist: Learning for All;
- tiered support approach to intervention;
- IEP – individual education program;
- modification vs. accommodation;
- types of IEPs and IEP timelines.

Questions of clarification posed by committee members were addressed.

Administrative Updates

Superintendent Duncan shared that the Board budget process is underway. The Ministry of Education's additional funding allocated due to the COVID-19 pandemic has concluded. For example, additional supervision required due to student distancing and cohorting during the pandemic will no longer be required.

Education worker allocation to schools will commence in May; allocation will return to the pre-COVID-19 model. Education workers support high-intensity, high-frequency medical and safety needs in students.

KPR has confirmed that the Virtual Elementary School and the Virtual High School (VHS) will not be offered in the 2023-2024 school year. Based on this information families of students in Learning and Life Skills (LLS) VHS classrooms have been offered a place in the in-person LLS programs in their region. Should any families have concerns about medically fragile students returning to in-person classrooms, Administrative Regulation ES-1.1.7, Safe, Caring and Restorative Schools: Home Education will be followed, which makes provision for students to have hours of instruction at home from an occasional teacher for a specified period of time until the student can return in-person.

Superintendent Duncan reported that the Principal and Vice-principal Special Education Advisory Group shared best practices for providing education workers with time for breaks when short-staffed, and time for completing the electronic incident reports through the new single reporting tool. Solutions include school administration grouping students together for activities while the students' education workers take breaks and/or complete reports.

The Special Education department received a brochure from Developmental Services Ontario called "*Preparing Students with Developmental Disabilities for Life After High School*". This brochure will be distributed to all KPR secondary LLS students.

Association Updates

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

- Curve Lake First Nation
- Kinark Child and Family Services
- Grandview Kids
- Frontenac Youth Services
- Autism Ontario
- Easter Seals Ontario (Red Shirt poster)
- Alternatives Community Program Services
- Five Counties Children's Centre

Future Meeting Dates

The next meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 2, 2023.

Adjournment

MOVED BY M. Brynaert, SECONDED BY M. Robinson
That the meeting be adjourned (4:35 p.m.).

CARRIED

A. Lloyd
Committee Chairperson