

KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

DRAFT SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 3:30 p.m.
Education Centre, Peterborough ON

ATTENDANCE

Present:	P. Brown	Trustee (alternate)
	J. Klassen Jeninga	Trustee
Present via Webex:	A. Rodriguez	Community Living Peterborough (Committee Vice-chairperson)
	K. Baker	Alternatives Community Program Services Incorporated
	A. Belanger	Grandview Kids
	M. Brynaert	Frontenac Youth Services
	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
	M. Robinson	Autism Ontario
	A. Spencer	Developmental Services Ontario
Regrets:	A. Lloyd	Trustee (Committee Chairperson)
Also Present:	D. Crawford, J. Shuttleworth and L. Hull.	
Also Present via Webex:	M. Masterson and C. Pike	

Land Acknowledgement

A. Rodriguez 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. Hunter, SECONDED BY M. Robinson
That the agenda be adopted as printed.

CARRIED

Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Nil.

Adoption of Minutes

MOVED BY M Robinson, SECONDED BY J. Hunter

That the Minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, be adopted as printed.

CARRIED

Board Report

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

Trustee J. Klassen Jeninga recognized the volunteers nominated by various schools in honour of National Volunteer Week for the time, effort and dedication they share on behalf of students.

Trustee J. Klassen Jeninga updated the committee on the ongoing and collaborative work being done across departments, Kindergarten to Grade 12, to support teachers and students in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education and activities. STEM education includes the study and application of STEM subjects in real-world contexts. There are intentional curriculum connections to STEM education throughout the K-12 curriculum. The importance of the Arts was also highlighted.

The committee heard of other decisions that have been approved by the Board including the appointment of Baker Tilly KDN LLP as the auditor for KPR, approved tenders for renovations and roof replacements, and various awards that have been established for graduating students in several high school across the board.

Trustee J. Klassen Jeninga spoke briefly about the Board of Trustees' concern with the impact of proposed *Bill 98, The Better Schools and Student Outcomes Act, 2023*. The legislation outlines amendments to the provincial Education Act in a broad number of areas, including centralizing educational priorities for all school boards, district governance and oversight, as well as increased measures to control capital assets. The Trustees have scheduled an additional Board meeting on Tuesday May 2, 2023 to officially submit concerns to the government as part of the current consultation period.

Special Education Budget Overview

J. Shuttleworth, System Principal of Special Education welcomed and introduced Connor Pike, Manager of Finance.

C. Pike provided committee members with an overview of the 2023-2024 Draft Operating Budget, with a focus on Special Education expenditures and funding.

Information regarding anticipated budget process timelines was shared, indicating that boards are required to approve a balanced and compliant budget by June 30, 2023.

Administrative Updates

J. Shuttleworth provided an overview of the updated education workers allocation chart for 2023-2024, highlighting the expanded criteria that reflects the board's commitment to reviewing and revising established practices in service of all students. Education worker allocation to schools will commence in May. The committee heard that education workers support high-intensity, high-frequency medical and safety needs in students.

J. Shuttleworth presented the updated individual education plan (IEP) content tables called, *How to Complete the Individual Education Plan, Elementary and Secondary*, which provides an explanation of each section of the IEP and what content should be included to ensure there is a more consistent approach across the system. This resource was originally developed a few years ago and is updated to reflect the current best practices.

The committee heard that funding from the Ministry of Education has been received to offer mental health clinician support to students during summer programs. Additional funding has also been received for professional assessments to help reduce wait times and to completed additional assessments during the summer, including funding in collaboration with the Teaching and Learning department to hire special education resource teachers and education workers to support summer learning and summer school programs.

J. Shuttleworth updated the committee on the learning opportunities that were presented on the April 28, 2023 professional development day including Islamophobia training and a review of health and safety topics, including a review of the Administrative Regulation, HR-4.1.2 *Supporting Positive Behaviour and Safety for All*.

Association Updates

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

- Frontenac Youth Services
- Grandview Kids
- Kinark Child and Family Services
- Easter Seals Ontario
- Alternatives Community Program Services
- Five Counties Children's Centre
- Brain Injury Association Peterborough Region
- Canopy Support Services
- Autism Ontario
- Curve Lake First Nation
- Community Living Trent Highlands

Future Meeting Dates

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

Adjournment

MOVED BY M. Robinson, SECONDED BY J. Hunter
That the meeting be adjourned (4:23 p.m.).

CARRIED

A. Lloyd
Committee Chairperson