

**SUBJECT TO COMMITTEE APPROVAL**

KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**DRAFT SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEAC) MINUTES**

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

**ATTENDANCE**

Present:	A. Lloyd J. Klassen Jeninga	Trustee (Committee Chairperson) Trustee
Present via Webex:	K. Baker  M. Brynaert J. Camenzuli S. Gonsalves K. Hill J. Hunter J. McIntyre M. Robinson A. Spencer	Alternatives Community Program Services Incorporated Frontenac Youth Services Five Counties Children's Centre Easter Seals Ontario Canopy Support Services Curve Lake First Nation Kinark Child and Family Services Autism Ontario Developmental Services Ontario
Regrets:	N. Lajoie  M. Muir A. Rodriguez	Brain Injury Association Peterborough Region Grandview Kids Community Living Peterborough (Committee Vice-chairperson)
Also Present:	D. Crawford, System Principal of Special Education, K. Koster-Lilley, Senior Manager of Professional Services, J. Shuttleworth, System Principal of Special Education, and L. Hull, Executive Assistant.	
Also Present via Webex:	Trustee P. Brown (alternate), M. Masterson, Principal, L. Knapp, Mental Health Clinician, J. Sepkowski, incoming Superintendent of Education and A. Simmons, Acting Vice Principal.	

**Land Acknowledgement**

A. Lloyd called the meeting to order at 3:34 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 A. Spencer**

**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, May 2, 2023, be adopted as printed.**

**CARRIED**

Board Report

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

Trustee J. Klassen Jeninga updated the committee on the annual review of enrolment, revenue and grant information as part of the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board's (KPR) Budget Committee discussions. The next meeting being held on Wednesday May 31, 2023, will be focusing on the Special Education budget proposal.

Trustee A. Lloyd spoke briefly about the ongoing 2023-2024 KPR budget deliberations referencing the challenges that the Board is facing around equity and increasing enrolment numbers while ensuring the best interest of all KPR students as the top priority.

Trustee J. Klassen Jeninga reported on the boundary review and construction timelines for the new Northglen neighbourhood school. The boundary review will begin in the next school year as part of the ongoing planning for a new elementary school in Bowmanville. The targeted completion date has been moved to 2025 due to challenges in the current construction environment for capital projects, including access to labour and materials.

Trustee J. Klassen Jeninga shared some accolades for students across the board, including students from Courtice Secondary School for their collective response and advocacy to address Islamophobia in their school and community. It was also shared that two students from Hastings Public school were recognized for their national and international achievements in an online math contest on World Math Day, March 8, 2023.

The committee heard that KPR has formally adopted the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) as a foundational document in the board. UNDRIP is an international human rights covenant that entitles Indigenous people to the same rights as all people and equitably protects Indigenous-specific rights.

Presentation

L. Knapp, A. Simmons, and K. Koster-Lilley provided a presentation on supporting students through a trauma-informed lens. Information regarding the following was shared:

- what is trauma and why is childhood trauma different?
- trauma informed education and schools,
- overview of Prince of Wales Public School,
- the impact on students when a school is not trauma-informed,
- staff survey feedback that reflects their ongoing learning in trauma-informed practice, such as understanding the impact of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs),
- the Massachusetts Flexible Framework for trauma-sensitive practices in schools,
- the impact of trauma-informed leadership in a school,
- supporting trauma-informed practice through professional development on both academic and non-academic strategies, access to resources and services, policies and protocols, and collaboration with families,
- next steps to broaden the commitment to trauma-informed practices in all schools.

#### Administrative Updates

J. Shuttleworth informed the committee that all schools have received their preliminary education worker allocations for 2023-2024 school year.

The committee heard that the four primary communication classes at CR Gummow PS, Lydia Trull PS, James Strath PS and Kent PS will continue into the 2023-2024 school year.

D. Crawford reported that currently there are 458 Learning and Life Skills (LLS) students in 55 classrooms across KPR. In the upcoming 2023-2024 school year, there will be a reduction of two classrooms resulting in 53 LLS classrooms in 21 schools across the system; however, the same number of students will be served in the program. All LLS students transitioning back into in-person learning from the Virtual High School have been placed into LLS classrooms as close to their home schools as possible, ensuring the supports are in place for the new school year and transportation is available.

D. Crawford reported on the Education and Community Partnership Programs (ECPP) within KPR. It was explained that these programs are voluntary, collaborative partnerships between Ontario district school boards and government-approved agencies such as those serving children's mental health or youth justice, as well as hospitals. The school boards provide the educational component, and the agencies provide the care and/or treatment.

KPR presently is in seven partnerships including, Dalhousie Youth Services, Lavender Hill, Peterborough Youth Services, Enterphase Child and Youth Services, Kinark, Kinark Strive, Frontenac Youth Services and the Peterborough Regional Health Centre, Eating Disorder Day Treatment Program.

K. Koster-Lilley announced a pilot program partnership between KPR and Grandview Kids to begin in the fall of the 2023-2024 school year. The pilot program will be addressing occupational therapy (OT) needs in the Clarington area schools. The goal of this pilot is to build capacity, increase early identification of students with exceptional

needs, to include OTs as part of the school team, to address lengthy waitlists for services and to triage students who require OT support in the Clarington area.

Currently, Grandview Kids provides school-based rehabilitation OT services for a variety of needs, including fine motor skills, gross motor skills, sensory needs, self regulation skills and self-care skills. Due to long waitlists Grandview Kids has developed a new tiered intervention model that will help to alleviate that waitlist and provide students with the right services at the right time. In this new tiered model, an OT will be assigned to a specific school and will offer regular services that are designed to support the whole school community at all three tiers, from general, foundational strategies that are good for all, to more focused and targeted interventions based on student needs. Families will continue to be partners in these services.

J. Shuttleworth highlighted the changes to the Special Education Plan which are due to the Ministry of Education by July 31, 2023. Several updates were highlighted including, date changes, updated embedded links to revised Special Education documentation, updated SEAC member list, and the updated numbers of the Individual Placement and Review Committee (IPRC) meetings completed this school year. The KPR Special Education Plan will continue to reflect the Board Action Plan. The Special Education Standard link from the external website has been shared with all SEAC members requesting each member review and email any recommended changes or suggestions.

#### Association Updates

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

- Developmental Services Ontario
- Frontenac Youth Services
- Autism Ontario
- Easter Seals Ontario

#### Future Meeting Dates

The next meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 20, 2023.

#### Adjournment

**MOVED BY A. Spencer, SECONDED BY M. Brynaert**  
**That the meeting be adjourned (5:30 p.m.).**

**CARRIED**

A. Lloyd  
Committee Chairperson