DRAFT Minutes

SEAC Meeting

Date: January 11. 2021 Location: Electronic LiveStream

Time: 7:00 Committee Chair: vacant

Committee Vice-Chair: vacant

Association for Bright Children (ABC)                        Melissa Rosen

Autism Society of Ontario – Toronto                          Lisa Kness

Community Living Toronto                                       Tracey O’Regan

Epilepsy Toronto Steven Lynette

Down Syndrome Association of Toronto                   Richard Carter

Easter Seals Ontario   Aliza Chagpar

Integrated Action for Inclusion (IAI)                            Tania Principe

VIEWS for the Visually Impaired                               David Lepofsky

VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children                         Shanna Lino

Learning Disability Association Nadia Persaud

CADDAC Juanita Beaudry

LC1                                            Aline Chan Nora Green

LC2                                            Jordan Glass         Jean-Paul Ngana

LC3                                           Olga Ingrahm               Kirsten Doyle

LC4                                            Diane Montgomery      Izabella Pruska-Oldenoff,

TDSB Trustees                         Alexander Brown Michelle Aarts

Also present were:

Andrew Gold, Associate Director

Craig Snider, Associate Director

Angela Nardi-Addesa, System Superintendent, Special Education and Inclusion

Janine Small, Centrally Assigned Principal, Special Education

Jennifer Newby, Centrally Assigned Principal, Special Education LC4

Effie Stathopoulos, Centrally Assigned Principal, Special Education LC1

Susan Moulton, Centrally Assigned Principal, Special Education LC2

Cindy Zwicker-Reston, Centrally Assigned Principal, Special Education LC 3

Amie Presley, Research Coordinator

Shirley Chan, System Superintendent

Ian Allison, System Superintendent

Shameen Sandhu. System Leader, Mental Health and PSS

Vanessa Pfaff, Acessibility

Wendy Terro, Centrally Assigned Principal, Special Education

Lianne Dixon, TDSB SEAC Liaison

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|  | **Item** | **Recommendation/ Motion** |
| 1  . | Call to Order (quorum) - Land Acknowledgement and Welcome   * Announce Live Streaming of meeting | Chair  Meeting can be viewed live by clicking the Live Stream icon on the tdsb SEAC webpage.  [https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Advisory-Committees/Statutory-Advisory-Committees/Special-Education-Advisory-Committee) [Get-Involved/Advisory-](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Advisory-Committees/Statutory-Advisory-Committees/Special-Education-Advisory-Committee) [Committees/Statutory-Advisory-](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Advisory-Committees/Statutory-Advisory-Committees/Special-Education-Advisory-Committee) [Committees/Special-Education-Advisory-](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Advisory-Committees/Statutory-Advisory-Committees/Special-Education-Advisory-Committee) [Committee](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Advisory-Committees/Statutory-Advisory-Committees/Special-Education-Advisory-Committee) |
| 2  . | Approval of Agenda (including time allocation) | Approved |
| 3  . | Declarations of Possible Conflict of Interests Approval of SEAC Minutes from December 2020 | No Conflicts  December minutes were approved |

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| 4 | Election for Chair and Vice Chair for 2021 | Steven Lynette was acclaimed as Chair and Diane Montgomery was acclaimed as Vice Chair |
| 4  . | Leadership and Learning Department Staff updates   * **Introduction-** Andrew Gold * **Social Work –** Shameen Sandhu * **K-Gr.1 IEP Strategy –** Angela Nardi-Addesa, Janine Small, Anastasia Poulis * **Project Search**-Wendy Terro * **Universal Screening CCAT 7-**Susan Moulton | **Budget Update -** Craig Snider  Presentation of Summary of Actual Results for 2019-20  Expenditures for Special Education were shared (see Appendix A Staff Report)  **Projection for 2020-21Tentative Timelines**  Updates as needed to financial forecast for 2020-21  January  Ministry Feedback on GSN consultation document  Three year projection and Enrolments  February   * 1. Strategic Budget Drivers   2. Public consultation plan   3. 1st Quarter results   March   * 1. School based staffing   2. GSN?   April/May/June |
|  |  | **Thought Exchange -** Amie Presley  Thought Exchange   * TDSB is reaching out to advisory committees in the new year asking:   + *In terms of your advisory committee’s focus, what are the most important issues our district needs to think about as we continue to respond to COVID-19 and plan for the rest of the school year?*   .Survey Information  TDSB will be sending a Parent Winter Check-In Survey by the end of January.  \* PAAC on SEAC Survey-Angela Nardi-Addesa  The survey was run in the fall of 2019 to winter 2020, and sent to English language school boards across Ontario. Results were analyzed and compared to results of PAAC on SEAC surveys in 2009 and 2014.  The action items will be discussed at our upcoming SEAC meeting.  **Special Education Virtual School Elementary –** Shirley Chan and Ian Allison  Questions arose around the process for students doing remote learning (not VS) to attend schools in person during the current lock down. It was clarified that is not an option for students registered in Virtual School.  Virtual School Elementary Structure   * Virtual School Elementary has approximate 64,000 students or 2,600 classes (as of Dec 2020) coming from across TDSB * VS is divided into Learning Centres, each with an administrative team of Centrally Assigned Principals, Principals, and Vice-Principals * Each CAP, P and VP is aligned with a grade and other portfolios * LC administrator directories with contact information are on the TDSB VS Elementary webpage * Virtual School Elementary has two System Superintendents and a Centrally Assigned Principal for French Programs   Special Education in Virtual School Elementary  LC1 - 2124  LC2 - 2595  LC3 - 2760  LC4 – 1848  Total 9327  **Supporting Students, Families and Teachers**   * Virtual School Elementary administrators and educators work in partnership with In-Person administrators to support students and families. * Central Special Education Staff (Consultants, Coordinators, CAPs) continue to support both In-Person and Virtual School students based on their In-Person School * IEP completion is a collaboration between Virtual School teacher and In-Person Principal * IST, SST, IPRC processes are organized by and in partnership with In-Person and Virtual School Administrators |
|  |  | **Special Education Social Work Supports**  Learning Centre Referrals December 2020  LC1 677  LC2 604  LC3 601  LC4 756  Special Education Social Work support continued   * Adding additional Social Work support for VS in January 2021 * 5 social workers who can triage and work with teachers and special education staff to support student needs   **Project Search 2021-2022 Information Session**   * Project Search Toronto, in partnership with the Toronto District School Board, is holding Information sessions for Project SEARCH 2021-2022 ([see attached flyer](https://drive.google.com/file/d/10oQdJ1Gp_ygR_TDAuWKeudvYZtbkEqO3/view?usp=sharing)). Project Search Toronto is a transition-to-work program for youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Students in their final year of high school will gain marketable skills needed for employment. * Please share the [attached flyer](https://drive.google.com/file/d/11X5z2pmWcxpWEzK8PSreSdWLUX7XSyzo/view?usp=sharing) with students and families to learn about the program and application information. * For additional information, please contact Centrally Assigned Principal, [Wendy Terro](mailto:wendy.terro@tdsb.on.ca)   **Universal Screening CCAT 7 Update**   * The Canadian Cognitive Abilities Test, 7th version (CCAT-7) is a screening given to grade 3 students, usually in October, that provides information about a student’s range of cognitive abilities. * Presently there are 17,621 grade 3 students in TDSB, of which 6,483 of them are in virtual schools. * The students attending in person learning started the process in December. There are a few schools that still need to complete and send the scan sheets back. * Virtual Students will be given the opportunity to complete the screening remotely in February   **Kindergarten to Grade 1  Individual Education Plan (IEP) Strategy** – deferred to February meeting.  **2**  **David Lepofsky requested that there be more time at the meeting for discussion and for SEAC to be able to fulfill its advisory role.** |

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|  | Trustees’ Report | Chair Brown | Upcoming meeting with the Minister of Education to request that teachers who are working in schools now to support learners be added to Vaccine roll out. |
| . | Working Groups - |  | Special Education Plan working group presented update on their work on the 2021 Special Education Plan. |
| 7  . | SEAC Member Reports | Association / Community Representatives | None |
| 9. | Adjournment  Next Meeting: February 1, 2021 @ 7 pm | Chair | Adjourned |