**SEAC Meeting**

**Date: October 5, 2020  Location: Electronic**

**LiveStream**

**Time: 7:00**

**Committee Chair:   Vacant**

**Committee Vice-Chair:  Diane Montgomery**

**Approved Minutes**

A meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee convened on October 5, 2020 at 7:00 pm through electronic means, Chair Steven Lynette (elected at the meeting) chaired the meeting.

Association for Bright Children (ABC)                        Melissa Rosen

Autism Society of Ontario – Toronto                          Lisa Kness

Community Living Toronto                                       Tracy 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                         Kara Agostino

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:

Kathy Witherow, Associate Director

Craig Snider, Associate Director

Andrew Gold, Interim Associate Director

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

Steve Shaw, Executive Officer, Facility Services

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

Lianne Dixon, TDSB SEAC Liaison

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|  | **Item** | **Facilitator/Presenter** | **Recommendation/**  **Motion** |
| 1. | Call to Order (quorum) - Land Acknowledgement and Welcome   * Live Streaming of meeting | Kathy Witherow | Meeting can be viewed live by clicking the Live Stream icon on the tdsb seac webpage.  <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) | Kathy Witherow | Approved |
| 3. | Declarations of Possible Conflict of Interests  Approval of SEAC Minutes | Kathy WItherow | No conflicts of interest |
| 4. | Announce interim Chair | Kathy Witherow | Steven Lynette was acclaimed interim Chair  Nora Green was thanked for her hard work as Chair since January 2020; |
|  | Leadership and Learning Department Staff updates,   * Virtual School * Budget * Facilities Update (Masks, Nurses, HEPA filters,etc.) | Angela Nardi-Addesa  Kathy Witherow  Craig Snider  Steve Shaw | **In-school and Virtual school numbers**   * Elementary   + In-Person: 109, 060 students   + Virtual School: 58, 526 students   + Virtual School Teachers: 2, 266 * Secondary   + In-Person: 52, 469 students   + Virtual School: 17, 970 students   + Virtual School Teachers: 770   **Reorganization**   * + September 30, 2020 was the Transition deadline; October 13 is the new start date   + Teacher allocations will be adjusted based on actual student enrolment   + Permanent staff will be redeployed to where they are needed (VS & other schools)   + Numbers were shared for Special Education Students changing from Virtual to In-person and from in-person to Virtual   **Staffing**   * Teachers placed in a Virtual School ISP or HSP/Resource have Special Education Qualifications Part 1, Part 2 or Specialist * Students have been placed in classes based on several factors such as:   + grade   + special education program   + ISP classes from the in-person school   **Virtual School IEP’s**   * Elementary - 9,186 IEPs * Secondary - 4,502 IEPs * Students with IEPs in the Virtual School will be supported by their OSR school principal (accomodations, modifications, reviewing and signing) * By the end of October, full IEPs are planned to be sent to families virtually (FOI protected)   **IST/SST and IPRC/SEPRC**   * The OSR Principal will oversee all IST/SST and IPRC/SEPRC for their respective students in both VS and in bricks and mortar * Meetings will be held virtually and using an AODA platform. * VS Staff can access Regional Support   **SEAC Discussion – CCAT-7**  *Due to the current pandemic, the September 2020-2021 school start-up has impacted CCAT7 testing that typically was administered in September.*   * Discussion was held around the CCAT-7 testing of grade 3 students   + Logistics – where to test students, particularly those in Virtual School   + Health and Safety of students and staff   + A subcommittee of volunteers will meet early in October to discuss this issue further   **Budget (Craig Snider):**   * Impact of enrolment changes * 7,882 Students moved to virtual schools * 2,921 Students moved to In-person schools * If the projected enrolments of October 13 come in as planned, the financial impact to the GSN will be approximately $40M * Impact of changes to FSL enrolments not known at this time * ESL enrolment in line with revised projections used for budget   **Covid PPE and Safety Update (Steve Shaw)**   * COVID-19 Mask Procedure (PR730) was shared   **Nurses and cleaners**   * TPH has hired an additional 70 nurses to support schools. Each is supporting between 10 to 15 schools. (Not employees of TDSB) * As part of the plan to provide enhanced cleaning of high touch surfaces, the Board committed to hiring an additional 224.5 FTE caretaking staff * To date, the Board has hired 100 additional part time cleaners   **Hepa filters**   * Board is currently looking to source HEPA filters for classrooms with no mechanical ventilation   Will be allocated to Q5 schools first and then to other schools as resources allow |
| 5. | Trustees’ Report(s /Introductions | Trustee Brown and Trustee Aarts | There are still issues around staffing, especially in virtual school and in French. Everyone is working hard to resolve it.  The class reorganization is taking place this week. |
| 7. | SEAC Member Reports | Association / Community Representatives | **Down Syndrome Association Webinar Oct. 7th** |
| 8 | Working Groups - Sign up   * Budget/Communication/Sp. Ed. Plan |  | Groups were formed but had not met |
| 9. | Other business  10.1 Parents As Partners Conference Workshops  10.3 Correspondence -Durham District School Board  SEAC email Sept.23 | Richard Carter | Parents as Partners Conference continuing to request workshop presenters. |
| 10. | Adjournment  Next Meeting: November 2 2020 @ 7 pm | Chair |  |