

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(Room 181 AB, Education Centre)
Wednesday, January 30, 2019

Present:

Judy Colantino, Down Syndrome Association of Hamilton/SEAC Chair
 Susi Owen, CNIB Hamilton and Niagara
 Cecile Santos-Ayrault, Association for Bright Children of Ontario
 Mark Courtepatte, FASD Parent & Caregiver Support Group
 Tracy Sherriff, Community Living Hamilton
 Michelle Campbell, Autism Ontario (H-W Chapter)
 Lynn Vanderbrug, Lynwood Children Centre
 Alyson Kowalchyk, P.A.L.S. Parent Advocacy Learning Support

John Sanges, Down Syndrome Association of Hamilton (Alternate)
 Lindsay Bray, McMaster Children’s Hospital Developmental Pediatrics & Rehabilitation Program (Alternate)

Peggy Blair, Superintendent of Student Achievement, Specialized Services
 Michele Moore, Principal of Special Education Services
 John Manzin, Principal of Special Education Services
 Marisa McIntyre, Canadian Office and Professional Employees (COPE)
 Brent Monkley, Hamilton-Wentworth Principals’ Council-Secondary

Regrets:

Jenny McEwen Hill, McMaster Children’s Hospital Developmental Pediatrics & Rehabilitation Program
 Lorraine Sayles, The Children’s Aid Society of Hamilton
 Lita Barrie, VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children/Vice Chair

Alex Johnstone, Chair of the Board

1. Call to Order/Welcome

Superintendent Blair called the meeting to order at 5:59 p.m. welcoming everyone.

| Item | Discussion/Decision |
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| 2. Approval of Agenda | On the motion of Susi Owen, seconded by Mark Courtepatte, the Committee RECOMMENDS that the agenda be approved. CARRIED |
| 3. Election of Chair and Vice Chair | <p>Nominations for Chair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Courtepatte nominated Judy Colantino to continue as Chair – no other nominations were received <p>Nominations for Vice Chair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cecile Santos-Ayrault nominated Lita Barrie to continue as Vice Chair • Lita Barrie sent an email to the Chair indicating that if no one else was nominated, she would accept the position as Vice Chair • Judy Colantino nominated Mark Courtepatte as Vice Chair – no other nominations were received |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Committee approved the appointment of Judy Colantino as Chair and Mark Courtepatte as Vice Chair <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> |
| <p>4. Board Certified Behaviour Analyst Overview</p> | <p>Brian Mason, Board Certified Behaviour Analyst Team Lead with Autism and Neurodevelopmental Services Department, provided an overview of this support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools that currently have BCBA staff are: Prince of Wales, Hillcrest, Queen Victoria and WH Ballard Board Certified Behaviours Analysts use a functional approach to behaviour with data based decisions BCBA-STRIVE Program is an opportunity for success for those students who have had frequent difficulty in their regular classroom setting because of significant social, emotional or behavioural issues The goal of the program is to have students in their regular classroom, following school expectations and demonstrating socially acceptable prosocial behaviour that support academic success Kelly Sweeting, Principal from Queen Victoria School – provided an overview of the program from a school perspective |
| <p>5. Lynwood Charlton Centre</p> | <p>Lynn Vanderbrug, provided an overview of various programs and services offered at the Lynwood Charlton Centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lynwood Charlton Centre is a publicly funded organization in the City of Hamilton that provides a spectrum of innovative and evidence-informed, mental health services These include residential, day treatment, school, home, and community-based services for children, youth and their families The Centre is funded and licensed by the Ministry for Children and Youth Services and accredited by the Canadian Centre for Accreditation Lynwood Charlton Centre is the Lead Agency for the Hamilton service area for <u>Moving on Mental Health</u> This is a Ministry initiated plan to transform the experiences of children, youth and families dealing with mental health issues, and strengthen the community-based system for delivering mental health services to them. Through the Lead Agency role, Lynwood Charlton Centre is responsible for leading and facilitating system reform in Hamilton http://lynwoodcharlton.ca/ |
| <p>6. Approval of the Minutes– December 11, 2018</p> | <p>On the motion of Cecile Santos-Ayrault, seconded by all, the Committee RECOMMENDS that the minutes of the December 11, 2018 meeting be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> |
| <p>7. Business Arising from the Minutes</p> | |

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| <p>8. Members' Update</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Courtepatte provided details of an upcoming FASD conference on Friday, March 22nd • http://www.hamiltonfasdsupport.ca/?page_id=33 • Michele Campbell provided an overview of the upcoming World Autism Awareness Day Family Carnival on Saturday, March 30th at the HWDSB Education Centre location (20 Education Court) • Lindsay Bray noted that their Cheer Squad will cheer at the Carnival on March 30th World Autism Awareness Day |
| <p>9. Superintendent's Update</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nancy Herrell accepted the position of Manager of Autism and Neurodevelopmental Services, that was left vacant due to Anna DiFazio's retirement – congratulations were sent from SEAC • We have confirmed that Dr. Jean Clinton will be speaking at our Educational Assistant Professional Activity Day on Friday, March 1st for both elementary and secondary educational assistants • With the closure of Delta and Sir John A. MacDonald Secondary Schools in June of this year, staff presented to the Near North Transition Group about transition planning for young people in special classes moving to new schools in September |
| <p>10. Correspondence</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board b) Upper Grand District School Board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEAC may consider sending a letter of support as well |
| <p>11. Other Business</p> | |
| <p>12. Adjournment</p> | <p>On the motion of Mark Courtepatte, seconded by Michelle Campbell, the Committee RECOMMENDS that the meeting be adjourned, this being done at 7:23 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> |