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**HAMILTON-WENTWORTH DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
AGENDA
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, May 25, 2016**

Location: Education Centre (Room 308, Third Level)
[20 Education Court, Hamilton, ON)

7:00 p.m.

- 1. Call to Order** J. Colantino
- 2. Approval of Agenda**
- 3. Approval of the Minutes – April 27, 2016**
- 4. Business Arising from the Minutes**
(a) Report re Student Transitions P. Reinholdt
- 5. June Meeting Date**
- 6. Members' Update** Members
- 7. Monitoring Update** S. Woon
- 8. Correspondence**
- 9. Other Business**

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2016

Wednesday, June 8 or June 15 – to be confirmed (due to school graduations)

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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, April 27, 2016 (Room 308, Education Centre)

Those present:

Judy Colantino, Down Syndrome Association of Hamilton and SEAC Chair
 Lita Barrie, VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children and SEAC Vice-Chair
 Alex Johnstone, Trustee
 Fran Doodeman, Community Living Hamilton
 Doug Foster, CHOICES – Supporting People with Developmental Disabilities
 Jenny McEwen-Hill, McMaster Children's Hospital Developmental Pediatrics and Rehabilitation Portfolio
 Catherine McFarland, Hamilton FASD Parent & Caregiver Support Group
 Susi Owen, CNIB Hamilton
 Barbara Reeves, Autism Ontario (H-W Chapter)
 Tracy Sherriff, P.A.L.S. – Parent Advocacy Learning and Support Network
 Lynn Vanderbrug, Lynwood Charlton Centre

In attendance:

Shelley Woon, Superintendent of Leadership and Learning
 John Whitwell, Principal of Special Education Services
 Jeremy Abrahams, Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation, District 21
 Tania Kerr, Hamilton-Wentworth Elementary Teachers' Local
 Brent Monkley, Hamilton-Wentworth Principals' Council – Secondary

Regrets:

Mark Courtepatte, Hamilton FASD Parent & Caregiver Support Group
 Susan Guzina, Association for Bright Children of Ontario
 Lorraine Sayles, The Children's Aid Society of Hamilton

1. Call to Order/Welcome

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m., welcoming everyone. On behalf of SEAC, the Chair expressed thanks and appreciation to J. McEwen-Hill and staff for their time and efforts during the April 21st tour of Ron Joyce Children's Health Centre.

Item	Discussion/Decision
2. Approval of Agenda	On the motion of F. Doodeman, seconded by T. Sherriff, the Committee RECOMMENDS that the agenda be approved. CARRIED.
3. Approval of Minutes	On the motion of J. McEwen-Hill, seconded by D. Foster, the Committee RECOMMENDS that the minutes of the March 30, 2016 meeting be approved as amended. CARRIED.
4. New Business (a) <u>Presentation re 2016-2017 Special Education Budget</u>	<u>2016-2017 Special Education Budget</u> Executive Superintendent Stacey Zucker highlighted the following key areas: A. 2016-2017 Budget Timelines (Budget is due to Ministry of Education by June 30 th) B. HWDSB Preliminary Budget (The Grant for Student Needs [GSN] is the source of 99% of funding, based on enrolment and specific benchmarks) C. Special Education Funding – 6 Components ➤ Special Education Per Pupil Amount (SEPPA) ➤ Differentiated Special Education Needs Amount (DSNEA), formerly called High Needs Amount ➤ Special Equipment Amount (SEA)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Special Incidence Portion (SIP) ➤ Facilities Amount (FA) ➤ Behavioural Experience Amount (BEA) <p>D. Revenue Versus Expenditures</p> <p>HWDSB's continuing commitment to Special Education was noted.</p> <p>On behalf of SEAC, the Chair thanked Executive Superintendent Zucker for her time and efforts.</p>
<p>5. Members' Update</p>	<p><u>Trustees</u></p> <p>Trustee Johnstone's report included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Students are working in teams to help HWDSB develop a new tagline. This tagline challenge is part of HWDSB's Strategic Directions process. Submissions will be considered at Student Senate then brought to the Board. ▪ May 2-6, 2016 is Education Week and several school events will be taking place during that week. ▪ The new elementary school in Ancaster has been named Tiffany Hills Elementary School. The Tiffany name has a long history in Ancaster as the Tiffany family was prominent in the community in the late 1800. This new school is expected to open in the 2016-2017 school year. ▪ The Board is continuing its work on the 2016-2017 Budget and the Accommodation Reviews in East Hamilton City and Lower Stoney Creek. ▪ Update on HWDSB's ongoing Capital projects ▪ Key reports the Program Committee is currently working on includes the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Elementary Program Strategy ➤ French Immersion Program Strategy (new) ➤ Student Senate feedback on Student Engagement Report (Action Plan) <p><u>Autism Ontario (H-W Chapter)</u></p> <p>B. Reeves noted the success of the April 2nd World Autism Awareness Day (Family Carnival) held at the Education Centre, thanking all those who helped support this event.</p> <p><u>CHOICES – Supporting People with Developmental Disabilities</u></p> <p>D. Foster advised that the association will conclude its membership on SEAC as there are no longer students represented by CHOICES at this time. A letter to HWDSB about this is forthcoming from the association. Noting this meeting was his last one, SEAC members expressed their thanks and appreciation to D. Foster for his efforts and contributions at SEAC.</p> <p><u>Community Living Hamilton</u></p> <p>F. Doodeman noted an upcoming children's camp in the summer sponsored by Community Living Hamilton. The event brochures will be distributed to Hamilton students as soon as available.</p>

	<p><u>Lynwood Charlton Centre</u> L. Vanderbrug remarked that May 2-8 is Children's Mental Health Week and a variety of activities will take place around the city.</p> <p><u>P.A.L.S. – Parent Advocacy Learning and Support Network</u> T. Sherriff spoke about her participation in an educational camp model event which is open to parents, students and community representatives. This workshop style forum (held on Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.) provides a friendly/welcoming atmosphere and speeches on various topics presented by educators and staff from educational institutions. She offered to provide more details to anyone interested in this workshop.</p> <p><u>VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children</u> L. Barrie reported that the annual "Dress Loud Day" will be observed in schools on May 6th. Students are encouraged to wear outrageous clothes to highlight VOICE.</p> <p><u>Special Education Services</u> Principal Whitwell reminded members about the upcoming Special Olympics: Elementary Schools - May 17th, rain date: May 19th, venue: Saltfleet Secondary School; Secondary Schools – June 7th, rain date: June 9th, venue: Mohawk College.</p> <p>Superintendent Woon noted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Early Intake process for children with special needs is continuing, with more registrations this year due to a change in daycare regulations. Daycare spaces are only available for pre-school age children. ▪ Negotiations with the Canadian Office and Professional Employees (COPE), Local 527 are continuing with the focus on reaching an agreement soon. ▪ First round of postings for teaching positions in special education classes had taken place and now proceeding to interview and selection process. The reduction of 52 secondary school teaching positions will have an impact on system classes in terms of seniority. ▪ The iPad roll out to system classes was launched and teachers, educational assistants and students will be receiving iPads between now and October this year. ▪ The Safely Responding to Challenging Behaviour PD day training was well received with positive feedback from participants. ▪ HWDSB students will be participating in "Together We Create Change" event on Tuesday, May 3rd, 10 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at Carmen's Banquet Centre.
6. Monitoring Update <u>Student Transitions</u>	Superintendent Woon advised that Executive Superintendent Peter Joshua and Superintendent Reinholdt continue to gather information and hope to bring a report to SEAC in May.
7. Correspondence	None.
8. Other Business	The Chair noted that Superintendent Woon will be presenting at the next session of Parents as Partners on Wednesday, May 4 th , 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the Education Centre.

Adjournment:

On the motion of L. Barrie, seconded by T. Sherriff, the Committee **RECOMMENDS** that the meeting be adjourned, this being done at 8:35 p.m.

CARRIED.

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