

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 26, 2016

Glenwood School – 7:00 pm

(Note this was a very informal meeting as priority was to tour Glenwood School with staff.)

Current Members of SEAC

- Jeremy Abrahams, Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation, District 21
- Lita Barrie, VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children and SEAC Vice-Chair
- Judy Colantino, Down Syndrome Association of Hamilton and SEAC Chair
- Mark Courtepatte, Hamilton FASD Parent & Caregiver Support Group
- Christine Joseph-Davies,
- Fran Doodeman, Community Living Hamilton
- Alex Johnstone, Trustee
- Tania Kerr, Hamilton-Wentworth Elementary Teachers' Local
- Jenny McEwen-Hill, McMaster Children's Hospital Developmental Pediatric & Rehabilitation
- Catherine McFarland, Hamilton FASD Parent & Caregiver Support Group (alternate)
- Brent Monkley, Hamilton-Wentworth Principals' Council – Secondary
- Bernadine Nabuurs, Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant Community Care Access Centre
- Susi Owen, CNIB Hamilton
- Barbara Reeves, Autism Ontario (H-W Chapter)
- Jennifer Robertson-Heath, Hamilton-Wentworth Principals' Council - Elementary
- John Sanges, Down Syndrome Association of Hamilton and SEAC Chair (alternate)
- Lorraine Sayles, The Children's Aid Society of Hamilton
- Tracy Sherriff, P.A.L.S. – Parent Advocacy Learning and Support Network
- Lynn Vanderbrug, Lynwood Charlton Centre
- John Whitwell, Principal of Special Education Services
- Shelley Woon, Superintendent of Leadership and Learning

1. Call to Order/Welcome

Todd Graves, Principal at Glenwood School introduced those staff members in attendance as well as welcomed all. A tour of the school was followed after a presentation from T. Graves of the overall program at Glenwood.

Item	Discussion/Decision
2. Approval of Agenda	TOUR OF GLENWOOD SCHOOL until 8:30 p.m. followed by informal meeting in school gym.
3. Approval of Minutes	Name change from Christine Davidson to Christine Joseph-Davies.
4. Business Arising from the Minutes	None
5. Members' Update	Trustee Johnstone stated that we are now working toward ARC which will start in January for downtown and Ancaster Areas. The

	Elementary Program Strategy is for review on website and an invitation/reminder for all to participate.
6. Superintendent's Update a) Special Education Principal b) IEP Writing c) PRO Grants d) EA Safety	a) S. Woon introduced and welcomed Michele Moore, Elementary Principal of Special Education and Positive Culture. b) IEP development/writing will be included in the New Teacher Induction. Specialized Services PD will be included in the New Teacher Induction Program. Learning Resource Teacher PD on Menu of Services provided on October 27 th . c) Parent Reaching Out Grants pay for a number of initiatives. We will use funds to help with several of these. d) Supporting students and staff specific mental health and behaviours is a Provincial concern, with discussion at multiple Ministry tables.
7. Correspondence a) Renfrew County Catholic District School Board	Correspondence was acknowledged as received and discussion tabled for next meeting.
8. Other Business	Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, November 30 th , Education Centre Room 181 A/B (Note for December 13 th possible joint meeting with PIC. Dinner would be provided. Confirmation to come.)

Adjournment:

Meeting concluded/adjourned at 9:00 p.m. from Glenwood Gymnasium.