

# **SEAC Committee Meeting Minutes**

| Date & Time:  | Wednesday, May 24, 2017 6:30 pm |
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| Location:     | Boardroom, C.E.C.               |
| Next Meeting: | Wednesday, June 7, 2017         |

**Committee Members:** Jeanne Gravelle, Irene Holdbrook, Bill Conway, Rhonda Ruetz, Kim Murphy, Zina Bartolotta, Christine Zaza, Richard Gough, Stuart Cross

Administrative Officials: Laura Shoemaker, Gerald Foran

Regrets: Christine Goodeve, John Gilbert

| Opening Prayer     Welcome  | B. Conway    |
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| Approval of Agenda  |              |
| Motion by: Jeanne Gravelle<br>Seconded: Bill Conway   |              |
| 3. Declared Pecuniary Interest  |              |
| Nil   |              |
| 4. Approval of the Minutes  |              |
| April 5, 2017 Minutes   |              |
| Motion by: Jeanne Gravelle  |              |
| Seconded: Richard Gough   |              |
| 5. School System Operational Business   |              |
| Jeanne Gravelle opened the meeting by informing SEAC that Laura Shoemaker and Amanda Warne received on behalf of the board the Jordan James Pickell Award from the Mood Disorder Society. | J. Gravelle  |
| 5.1 Special Education Budget  | R. Wyszynski |
| Raf Wyszynski introduced the Budget Report book which is a good source of information and on the board website for all to view.   |              |



#### Budgets comments:

- Budget is a long process, starting with a budget report book this year
- Budget preparation; consultation; decision making; analysis and reporting; presentation and then filing with Ministry of Education
- 2017-2018 budget is \$256.1 million
- Enrolment trends are watched; we are growing significantly which means additional funding
- Special Education revenue for 2016-17 was \$29.1 million and for 2017-18 it is \$30.3 million
- The board is receiving a \$2.4 million enhancement which will applied to add more staff at the elementary and secondary level
- The board has been increasing the special education staff and decreasing the special education deficit
- A question and answer period followed the presentation

A motion to recommend to the Board of Trustees that 2017-2018 budget pertaining to Special Education Program and Services be approved:

Motion by: Zina Bartolotta Seconded: Richard Gough

Carried by consensus.

## 6. Ministry Updates

6.1 Nil

#### 7. SEAC Committee Functions

**7.1** PAaC on SEAC Effective Practices Handbook
Associations and development of WCDSB SEAC protocols deferred to June.

### 7.2 Special Education Plan

L. Shoemaker

Laura Shoemaker walked through all the changes and updates that have occurred to the Special Education Plan 2017.

A short question and answer period followed the presentation.

A motion to recommend to the Board of Trustees that Special Education Plan 2017 be approved as presented at the May 24, 2017 SEAC meeting:

Motion by: Christine Zaza Seconded: Kim Murphy

# Carried by consensus.

#### 7.3 Pro Grant Summary

The Chair thanked Jeanne for being the lead in the Pro Grant Event on April 20<sup>th</sup>. It was a success due to her leading the event and her hard work and dedication to it

J. Gravelle

Jeanne thanked everyone for their help on the night of the event which was a huge success.

Christine informed SEAC of the ratings from the evaluations the participants and overall it was 4.8 out of 5.0. Attendees loved D.J. Cunningham, the free food, the



| child care. There were 160 registered and approximately 120 attended even though it was a rainy night. There were 43 children that attended that evening.  Some improvements for the next Pro Grant event would be more time for the speakers. A couple of topics of interest would be the IEP process and Guidance.  Jeanne gave feedback on the Sacraments presentation and how to include more support for it in the future.  Would like to send an email to all registrants and send them the video link on the board page so they can view the workshops that were missed. Staff will inquire as to whether this is possible.   |                          |
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| 8. Policy Advice to the Board Nil  |                          |
| <ul> <li>9. Association Concerns/Association Updates (20 minutes)</li> <li>9.1 Trustee Update Jeanne Gravelle and Bill Conway gave brief updates to SEAC members on the highlights of the April board meeting regarding:</li> <li>Briefly talked about the secondary students who go to Dominican Republic to volunteer.</li> <li>The Extended Day Program in 31 schools on a cost recovery basis.</li> <li>Summer Boost programs for student this summer, funded by the Ministry of Education</li> <li>Staff have been watching graduation rates, in particular students who need one or two credits to graduate and looking at ways to help them reach graduation with very good results.</li> </ul> | J. Gravelle<br>B. Conway |
| Board Bulletin attached.  Association Update  Christing 7979, WREN informed SEAC that they are having a Davelopment.   | C. Zaza                  |
| Christine Zaza, WRFN informed SEAC that they are having a Development Workshop on June 7, 2017, flyer is attached and an Ask a Self-Advocate flyer is attached for your information.   | O. Zaza                  |
| 10. Pending Items  |                          |
| 11. Adjournment  |                          |
| Motion by: Jeanne Gravelle<br>Seconded: Bill Conway  |                          |
| 12. Action Items Place Holder  |                          |