



SEAC Committee Meeting Minutes

Date & Time:	Wednesday, April 5, 2017 6:30 pm
Location:	Boardroom, C.E.C.
Next Meeting:	Wednesday, May 3, 2017
Committee Members: Jeanne Gravelle, Irene Holdbrook, Bill Conway, Rhonda Ruetz, Kim Murphy, Zina Bartolotta, Christine Zaza, Christine Goodeve, John Gilbert	
Administrative Officials: Laura Shoemaker, Gerald Foran	
Regrets: Richard Gough, Stuart Cross	

• Opening Prayer Welcome	L. Shoemaker
• Approval of Agenda Motion by: Bill Conway Seconded: Kim Murphy	
3. Declared Pecuniary Interest Nil	
4. Approval of the Minutes March 1, 2017 Minutes Motion by: Jeanne Gravelle Seconded: Bill Conway	
5. School System Operational Business 5.1 Participate in Survey Renewing the Promise (45-60 minutes) Laura explained the background to the Survey in Renewing the Promise that will be followed in processing the survey. After watching the PowerPoint presentation members paired up and discussed the three questions that were posed from the Bishop's office and the Institute for Catholic Education. Chrome books were handed out to members to access the survey.	L. Shoemaker





<p>6. Ministry Updates 6.1 Nil The Chair talked briefly about attending a SEAC conference two years ago with other SEAC members and the email that was recently received from the Ministry of Education as a result of requests to provide more networking opportunities and information sharing between SEAC's across the province. Attached for your information.</p>	<p>R. Ruetz</p>
<p>7. SEAC Committee Functions</p> <p>7.1 PAaC on SEAC Effective Practices Handbook Associations and development of WCDSB SEAC protocols deferred to May 3rd SEAC meeting.</p> <p>7.2 Special Education Plan Nil</p> <p>7.3 Pro Grant Update Jeanne gave a brief update on the status of the Pro Grant event:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 137 parents registered to date • 43 children registered for child care • Variety of items were discussed in regards to the mechanics of the event such as food, child care, etc. • Diocese will be handing out booklets from both the Diocese and the Board • Site tour will be arranged for next week to visual the accommodations for the evening • Update will be provided after registration closing on April 10. 	<p>All</p> <p>L. Shoemaker</p> <p>J. Gravelle</p>
<p>8. Policy Advice to the Board Nil</p>	
<p>9. Association Concerns/Association Updates (20 minutes)</p> <p>9.1 Trustee Update Jeanne Gravelle and Bill Conway gave brief updates to SEAC members on the highlights of the February board meeting regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing of ST Agatha CES • Multi Year Capital plan • Long Term Accommodation Plan • New school in East Kitchener • Growth in south West Kitchener • Beacons of Hope Breakfasts <p>Board Bulletin attached.</p> <p>Association Update</p> <p>Easter Seals Ontario</p> <p>New on the Special Education Blog Survey in Inclusive Technology in the Classroom</p> <p>Learning how students, parents and educators use technology to promote inclusive education and what supports are needed. Possible to win a gift card for</p>	<p>J. Gravelle B. Conway</p> <p>R. Ruetz</p>



<p>participating and participate in a focus group if interested. Link to Survey: https://goo.gl/forms/3YeekYbE1oDHKtFf2</p> <p>If inclusion means everyone, why not ME?</p> <p>Community Living Ontario in partnership with ARCH Disability Law Centre, Canadian Research Centre on Inclusive Education, Community Living Ontario, University of Western Ontario, Brock University, Brockville and District Association for Community Involvement and Inclusive Education Canada are conducting a survey on the experiences of students who have an intellectual disability in our Kindergarten to Grade 12 school system.</p> <p>Community Living Ontario and partners are interested in hearing the voices of parents of children who have an intellectual disability about their experiences in the school system. Contact: Amina@communitylivingontario.ca</p> <p>WRFN had several events:</p> <p>Self Advocacy please see attached.</p> <p>Camp and Recreation Fair held on March 8 in partnership with KidsAbility, the Passport Development Coordinator and the Accessible Sports Council was a huge success. There were 40 organizations/providers in attendance and well over 100 participants who attended the fair. This idea came about after receiving several calls from parents last year whose children were not having success in their summer camp opportunities and were being asked to pick up their children. It was thought to be beneficial to offer a face-to-face personal opportunity for families to come together with providers at the info fair (as they were previously able to do at Access Waterloo Region which no longer exists) to be able to ask and answer important questions about camps and to be sure that the appropriate support could be provided to campers this coming summer. This will be offered again next year given the need and success.</p> <p>Eating with Elegance event is shaping and are only a few tickets away from being sold out. Capacity is 130. Attached the updated final flyer that shares more details. A fun evening and great way to support WRFN and the families. Attachment.</p>	<p>C. Zaza</p>
<p>10. Pending Items</p>	
<p>11. Adjournment</p> <p>SEAC members extended the meeting by five minutes, carried by consensus: Motion by: Jeanne Gravelle Seconded: Bill Conway</p> <p>Motion by: Jeanne Gravelle Seconded: Kim Murphy</p>	
<p>12. Action Items Place Holder</p>	