



SEAC Committee Meeting Minutes

Date & Time:	Wednesday, December 7, 2016 6:30 pm
Location:	Boardroom, C.E.C.
Next Meeting:	Wednesday, January 11, 2017
<p>Committee Members: Jeanne Gravelle, Irene Holdbrook, Wendy Price, Rhonda Ruetz, Richard Gough, Kim Murphy, Zina Bartolotta, John Gilbert, Christine Zaza, Stuart Cross</p> <p>Administrative Officials: Laura Shoemaker, Gerald Foran</p> <p>Regrets: Wendy Price</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Prayer Welcome Members were asked to keep our students and their families in our prayers as we approach a stressful time of the year for many. 	Laura Shoemaker
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of Agenda Motion by: Jeanne Gravelle Seconded: Stuart Cross 	
<p>3. Declared Pecuniary Interest Nil</p>	
<p>4. Approval of the Minutes November 2, 2016 Minutes Motion by: Jeanne Gravelle Seconded: Kim Murphy</p>	
<p>5. School System Operational Business 5.1 Assistive Technology and Augmentative Communication Chris Runstedler was welcomed and thanked for her years of presenting to the SEAC committee. A brief overview explaining the process that is used to introduce and evaluate students to technology in order to assist students in classroom was presented. The funding process was also explained. Presentation is attached. Chris will also be present at the April 20th SEAC workshop for parents.</p>	Chris Runstedler Stephanie Helwig



<p>Stephanie Ashe presented on the current communication tools that could be selected to assist students in communicating. Along with the software that is accessible for students to access to assist in day to day at the school. Presentation is attached. Steph will also be present at the April 20th SEAC workshop for parents.</p> <p>The chair thanked both Chris and Steph for their information.</p> <p>5.2 SEAC Training Videos</p> <p>As this committee is a young committee the members watched Modules 1, 2, and 3 from the PAaC-SEAC website which gave an introduction to how to conduct SEAC meetings and explained their functions etc. The PAac booklets will be printed up and distributed at the January meeting for all to peruse. The chair suggesting working on a few protocols for the spring. Their link is provided below.</p> <p>http://www.paac-seac.ca/</p>	Rhonda Ruetz
<p>6. Ministry Updates</p> <p>6.1 ASD Funding</p> <p>Laura relayed to SEAC that the ASD funding for Connections Program is phasing out for students five years of age and older and boards have received funds for students. A portion of it will be used to hire a behaviour analyst to add to our Behaviour Support team.</p>	Laura Shoemaker
<p>7. SEAC Committee Functions</p> <p>7.1 Special Education Plan</p> <p>A reference to the PAac handbook will be added into the plan. A reference to the BIPSA will be added into the plan.</p> <p>7.2 SEAC Sub-Committee Update</p> <p>An update was provided by Jeanne Gravelle on how the SEAC workshop is progressing. D.J. Cunningham has been booked for the key note speaker and he will do the introduction also. Chris Runstedler will speak on Resiliency and special education technology along with Stephanie Ashe. Donna Kotsopoulos has been booked for Math. The February meeting will be presented with a draft registration pamphlet to review. Child care, refreshments and video recording are still in progress. Laura and Gerald will discuss the video recording and see if there is a solution or whether it has to be outsourced.</p> <p>It was suggested to include and evaluation of the workshop and Christine Zaza will work on that. A SEAC table will also be there with committee members handing out pamphlets.</p> <p>The link below is to D.J. Cunningham for a preview of his presentation.</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Al8Pp5aDgcw&t=2s</p> <p>7.3 Pro-Grant</p> <p>Jeanne updated committee members on the work the SEAC Sub-Committee has been doing on the PRO GRANT.</p>	



8. Policy Advice to the Board Nil	
9. Association Concerns/Association Updates (20 minutes) 9.1 Trustee Update Jeanne Gravelle provided Trustee Update, reviewing the November Board Bulletin which is attached. Association Update Easter Seals: Alison's blog http://education.easterseals.org/special-education-in-ontario/ Recent Posts: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parent Involvement Supports Success Math• Special Education Funding• Passport – Individualized Funding for Adults with Developmental Disabilities• Transition to Adult Developmental Services• Self Advocacy and Self Determination WRFN has a Summer Camp and Recreation Fair information night on March 8 th , flyer attached and Dreaming of Summer finding the right summer camp for your child workshops on February 1 st flyer attached.	R. Ruetz C. Zaza
10. Pending Items	
11. Adjournment Motion by: Richard Gough Seconded: Stuart Cross	
12. Action Items Place Holder	