



SEAC Committee Meeting Minutes

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| Date & Time: | Wednesday, September 7, 2016 6:30 pm |
| Location: | Boardroom, C.E.C. |
| Next Meeting: | Wednesday, October 5, 2016 |
| Committee Members: Jeanne Gravelle, Irene Holdbrook, Wendy Price, Rhonda Ruetz, Caitlin Barton, Kim Murphy, Zina Bartolotta, John Gilbert, Amy Fee, Stuart Cross | |
| Administrative Officials: Laura Shoemaker, Gerald Foran | |
| Regrets: John Gilbert, Zina Bartolotta | |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Prayer Welcome Intentions were for Frank Johnson and Laura read the prayer New Beginnings. Gerald Foran and Stuart Cross were introduced to the SEAC committee. | Laura Shoemaker |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of Agenda Motion by: Amy Fee Seconded: Kim Murphy | |
| <p>3. Declared Pecuniary Interest Nil</p> | |
| <p>4. Approval of the Minutes June 1, 2016 Minutes Motion by: Wendy Price Seconded: Rhonda Ruetz</p> | |
| <p>5. School System Operational Business 5.1 Mental Health Amanda Warne gave a verbal update on the Mental Health strategies used in the past school year. Amanda's comments are attached.</p> | A. Warne |



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| <p>5.2 Reading Intervention Pilot Project – Ministry of Education* The WCDSB and the WRPB are working together on a new pilot project for students focusing on reading fluency and comprehension. It is still in the beginning stages and the boards are working out the details but will include 32 students from each board and involve four or five schools. There is another meeting next month, more details will be forthcoming.</p> <p>5.3 Special Needs Strategy Laura gave a brief update on the Special Needs Strategy. Both boards are still waiting to hear on the approval from the Ministry and then Laura will bring the update information back to SEAC.</p> | <p>L. Shoemaker</p> <p>L. Shoemaker</p> |
| <p>6. Ministry Updates 6.1 Ministry Response Hearing and Vision Testing Within the School Setting Copy of the above letter is included in package for SEAC to peruse. The chair will make another submission in the future.</p> | <p>J. Gravelle</p> |
| <p>7. SEAC Committee Functions</p> <p>7.1 Special Education Plan When presentations come to SEAC they will contain a cover report that is the same a board report. Most reports are tied to the Special Education Plan and will have a path back to the specific chapter and pages in the Plan, which will assist SEAC in having an in depth knowledge of the Plan. If discrepancies arise when members are referring back to the plan they can be addressed in the Plan and updated.</p> <p>7.2 SEAC Sub-Committee Update Jeanne Gravelle was informed that SEAC's Pro Grant application was approved and SEAC will receive \$8,500 to be used for the conference "Empowering and Engaging Parents of Students with Special Needs to Support Student Success" planned for parents in the Waterloo Region throughout the school year.</p> <p>7.3 SEAC Topics for 2016-2017 The topics and the locations for the current year were confirmed. Updated information will be sent to SEAC.</p> | <p>L. Shoemaker</p> <p>J. Gravelle</p> <p>All</p> |
| <p>8. Policy Advice to the Board</p> | |
| <p>9. Association Concerns/Association Updates (20 minutes)</p> <p>9.1 Trustee Update Wendy informed SEAC of the events from the June board meeting. Board bulletin is attached for members. Jeanne Gravelle provided members with the WRFN upcoming dates and events and the information is attached for members to peruse.</p> | <p>W. Price</p> <p>J. Gravelle</p> |
| <p>10. Pending Items</p> | |
| <p>11. Adjournment Motion by: Caitlyn Barton Seconded: Amy Fee</p> | |
| <p>12. Action Items Place Holder</p> | |