

## SEAC Committee Meeting Minutes

<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	Wednesday, April 6, 2016 6:30 pm
<b>Location:</b>	Boardroom, C.E.C.
<b>Next Meeting:</b>	Wednesday, May 4, 2016
<p><b>Committee Members:</b> Kim Murphy, Jeanne Gravelle, Amy Fee, Irene Holdbrook, Richard Gough, Wendy Price, Zina Bartolotta, Rhonda Ruetz, John Gilbert</p> <p><b>Administrative Officials:</b> Sherry Peeples, Laura Shoemaker</p> <p><b>Regrets:</b> Laura Shoemaker, Caitlin Barton, Shana Mcturk</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Opening Prayer</b> <b>Welcome</b> Opening prayer was led by Sherry Peeples and intentions were said for friends and family members.</li> </ul>	Sherry Peeples
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Approval of Agenda</b>  Motion by: Amy Fee Seconded: Rhonda Ruetz</li> </ul>	
<b>3. Declared Pecuniary Interest</b>	None
<b>4. Approval of the Minutes</b>  February 3, 2016 Minutes Motion by: Wendy Price Seconded: Kim Murphy  March 2, 2016 Minutes Motion by: Amy Fee Seconded: Kim Murphy	
<b>5. School System Operational Business</b>  5.1 Community and Transition Support Worker Updates Tracey Fuschino, Community and Transition Support Officer was introduced to SEAC and greeted with a warm welcome. Tracey provided a brief background on her role in our schools and the assistance she provides to students and families with developmental disabilities. She provides a vast amount of community resources, contacts and knowledge for those students requiring her assistance. Tracey walked through her PowerPoint presentation expanding on details and	Tracey Fuschino



<p>answering questions. A four page list of acronyms was circulated for SEAC members to look at; the list is shared with family members that Tracey assists.</p> <p>5.2 Protocol “Take Back” for SEAC Associations SEAC members had a short group discussion on what information will be shared with their associations.</p> <p>5.2.1 Wonderings Discussion Wonderings from the February meeting were addressed by Sherry Peeples reviewing the comments. A brief video by Dr. Cathy Bruce <i>entitled “Key Features – Professional Learning”</i> was presented to SEAC which provided an insight into efficacy learning. The balance of the Wonderings will be discussed at the May SEAC meeting.</p>	<p>Sherry Peeples</p> <p>Sherry Peeples</p>
<p><b>5.9 Ministry Updates</b></p> <p>5.9.1 Demonstration School Consultation Sherry Peeples informed SEAC that Julyanna Cinti was selected to attend the Strategic Council workshop on behalf of the Board.</p> <p>5.9.2 Mental Health Children’s Mental Health Week is from April 30<sup>th</sup> to May 7<sup>th</sup>. A new mental health poster was shown to SEAC members and Amanda Warne will attend the mental health day on April 30<sup>th</sup> to represent the board at the Cambridge Centre Mall.</p> <p>5.9.3 Autism Services updates were discussed by SEAC. The focus of the changes are on early diagnosis, early intervention and shorter wait lists. Concerns were raised about the transition plan, which includes removing all children over the age of 5 from IBI wait list and given a one-time cheque for \$8,000 to use for private therapy. As well, all children over the age of 5 currently receiving IBI will be transitioned off and into full time school, with no confirmation if Connection or any other transition to school program will be in place. It is not known if there will be increased funding to schools to support the impact of this transition.</p>	<p>Sherry Peeples</p> <p>Sherry Peeples</p> <p>Jeanne Gravelle</p>
<p><b>6. SEAC Committee Functions</b></p> <p><b>6.1 Special Education Plan</b> Nil</p> <p><b>6.2 Sub-Committee Update</b> Nil</p> <p><b>6.3 Review of SEAC Start Time</b></p> <p>The SEAC start time of light lunch at 6:00 pm and the meeting starting at 6:30 pm will now be permanent.</p>	<p>Laura Shoemaker</p> <p>Jeanne Gravelle</p> <p>SEAC</p>
<p><b>7. Association Concerns/Association Updates (20 minutes)</b></p> <p>Easter Seals Ontario</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent Engagement Conference: Webcast sessions breakdown is attached</li> <li>• Blog “Dealing with Concerns at School” article and graphic <a href="http://education.easterseals.org/advocacy-how-to-deal-with-concerns-at-school/">http://education.easterseals.org/advocacy-how-to-deal-with-concerns-at-school/</a></li> <li>• Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital Bloom Article February 25<sup>th</sup> 2016 How to work with your child’s teacher. <a href="http://bloom-">http://bloom-</a></li> </ul>	

[parentingkidswithdisabilities.blogspot.ca/2016/02/how-to-work-with-your-childs-teacher.html](http://parentingkidswithdisabilities.blogspot.ca/2016/02/how-to-work-with-your-childs-teacher.html)

Association meeting:

- Simcoe Muskoka Catholic DSB, reported MOE will now fund Evacuscape chairs through SEA grants. Boards responsible for first \$800
- Dufferin-Peel Catholic DSB had a presentation from VOICE, now have new resource "I Fell Good!" A guide to support the Mental Health and Well Being of Children and Youth Who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing in Ontario Schools. Developed in collaboration with the Canadian Hearing Society and researchers from U of T and Western as well as clinical psychologists.  
<http://www.voicefordeafkids.com/Chapters/News/National/Mental-Health-Guide.aspx>

WRDSS Mini Conference on Saturday April 23, 2016 to be held KidsAbility Pavilion, 500 Hallmark Drive, Waterloo. Please see attached flyer provided by Kim Murphy.

ASWR is having an Autism Carnival is on April 21 from 5:00-7:00 pm at Creekside Church, 660 Conservation Drive, Waterloo.

Jeanne Gravelle WRFN, will look into hosting support groups and provide information at a later date.

#### **8. Policy Advice to the Board**

Wendy Price and Amy Fee distributed the WCDSB monthly bulletin for SEAC members to peruse. Details were provided on the:

- 2016 Long Term Accommodation Plan
- St John Pall II and St Daniel School Boundary Review
- STSWR Stop Arm Camera Pilot Proposal for school buses
- Beacons of Hope awards to our students

#### **9. Pending Items**

#### **10. Adjournment**

Motion by: Rhonda Ruetz  
Seconded: Wendy Price

#### **11. Action Items Place Holder**