



SEAC Committee Meeting Minutes

Date & Time:	Wednesday, June 1, 2016 6:30 pm
Location:	Boardroom, C.E.C.
Next Meeting:	Wednesday, September 7, 2016
<p>Committee Members: Jeanne Gravelle, Irene Holdbrook, Wendy Price, Rhonda Ruetz, Caitlin Barton, Shana Mcturk, Kim Murphy, Zina Bartolotta, John Gilbert, Amy Fee</p> <p>Administrative Officials: Sherry Peeples, Laura Shoemaker</p> <p>Regrets: Shana Mcturk</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Prayer Welcome Intentions and prayers were said for Trustee Johnson and Sherry led the meeting with a prayer. 	Sherry Peeples
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of Agenda Motion by: Amy Fee Seconded: Wendy Price 	
<p>3. Declared Pecuniary Interest Amy Fee declared pecuniary interest regarding:</p> <p>5.1 Dog Guides Canada 5.2 Service Dog Policy Questions and Answers</p>	
<p>4. Approval of the Minutes May 25, 2016 Minutes Motion by: Rhonda Ruetz Seconded: Caitlin Barton</p>	
<p>5. School System Operational Business 5.1 Dog Guides Canada (10 Minutes) Ian Ashworth, Director of Programs at Lion's Foundation of Canada, Dog Guides, gave a presentation to SEAC members. Autism Ontario has requested this presentation and it is for information only.</p>	Ian Ashworth

Lion's Foundation is a charitable organization and over thirty years ago started Dog Guides, which costs \$25,000. to train a guide dog. The dog guide breeding and training facility is located just outside Breslau.

Ian gave a brief background on the six areas dog guides are being trained to work in:

Canine Vision Dog Guides

- Are specially trained to navigate busy streets, stairs escalators and other obstacles that are found on most daily routes

Hearing Ear Dog Guides

- Respond to sounds such as an alarm clock sounding, ringing phone and fire alarm
- Respond to hand signals if handler uses sign language

Special Skills Dog Guides

- Open and close doors
- Retrieve dropped items
- Can get help when needed

Seizure Response Dog Guides

- Bark for help
- Are able to activate an alert system
- Provide comfort after a seizure

Autism Assistance Dog Guides

- Provide calming relief for children in high anxiety situations
- Reduce the stress commonly experienced in public places

Diabetic Alert Dog Guides

- Bark for help
- Are able to activate an alert system
- Can retrieve food
- Provide comfort after a hypoglycemic episode

SEAC committee members were given the opportunity to ask the presenter questions.

5.2 Service Dog Policy Questions and Answers

A request was received to present the Service Dog Policy to SEAC. The revised policy includes all service dogs. Laura described the certified service dog and the handler:

“Certified Service Dogs, for the purpose of the Board's policy, regulation and administrative procedure, includes all trained and registered service dogs who are handled by a student with a disability who receives the dog's services to assist with daily living activities and/or access to the Ontario curriculum, which is readily apparent (obvious by the dog's appearance or what it is doing) or identified as a requirement in a letter from a physician or nurse. A Certified Service Dog is a working dog and does **not** interact with employees or other students.

Handler (dog handler) for the purpose of the Board's policy, regulation and administrative procedure is the student with disability related needs for whom the Certified Service Dog is performing services and who is managing and is responsible for the Certified Service Dog's performance of those services. It is the expectation of the Board that students utilizing a Certified Service Dog will be the dog's Handler.”

All service dog requests are dealt with on a case by case, individualized basis. SEAC committee members were given the opportunity to ask the presenter questions.

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7.2 SEAC Sub-Committee Update Pro Grant was submitted and expect a reply in October or November to the submission.	Jeanne Gravelle
8. Policy Advice to the Board	
9. Association Concerns/Association Updates (20 minutes) 9.1 Trustee Update Wendy Price and Amy Fee informed SEAC members of the events that trustees have been attending in May: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2016-17 Extended Day Program Sites were announced• Increase in graduation rates• Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL) Program for students under 18 as a last resort to assist students to helping continue their progress toward graduation or other achievement• Special Education Plan was approved https://www.wcdsb.ca/about/board/bulletins/WCDSB-Board-Bulletin-May-2016.pdf Amy Fee mentioned Bridges to Belonging which focuses on building a community where everyone belongs. Jeanne Gravelle informed SEAC that WRFN is having a family picnic on June 9 th from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm at Victoria Park. WRFN and Bridges to Belonging have created a new program called A New Chapter: Families Moving Forward for families/caregivers of young adults with disabilities. Meeting, Wed, June 8, 7-9pm at the Family Centre Rhonda Ruetz thanked Vikki Zabel for arranging the social tonight and for the refreshments and for recording the minutes for the meetings throughout the past year.	Wendy Price Amy Fee
10. Pending Items	
11. Adjournment Motion by: Amy Fee Seconded: Rhonda Ruetz	
12. Action Items Place Holder	