



SEAC Committee Meeting Minutes

Date & Time:	Wednesday, June 6, 2018 6:30 pm
Location:	Boardroom, C.E.C.
Next Meeting:	Wednesday, September 5, 2018

Committee Members: Bill Conway, Kim Murphy, Irene Holdbrook, Frank Thoms, Christine Zaza,

Stuart Cross, Jeanne Gravelle, John Gilbert, Sue Simpson

Administrative Officials: Laura Shoemaker, Gerald Foran

Regrets: Stuart Cross, Bill Conway

Opening Prayer Welcome Intentions were said for students and families in the system.	L. Shoemaker
Approval of Agenda	
Motion by: Jeanne Gravelle Seconded: Kim Murphy	
3. Declared Pecuniary Interest Nil	
4. Approval of the Minutes	
May 23, 2018 Minutes	
Motion by: Jeanne Gravelle Seconded: Kim Murphy	
5. School System Operational Business	
5. SEAC social was held prior to the meeting. SEAC members met and welcomed Student Services staff.	



6. Ministry Updates (10 min)

6.1 No updates available until after the election.

7. SEAC Committee Functions

Pro Grant will be on an agenda for next school year and SEAC will be applying for the grant.

Thank you was extended to Christine Zaza's son who worked on the Parent Engagement Event from April 20, 2017. Videos are now posted on the SEAC web page on the board page. Christine Zaza informed SEAC she will be stepping down and a new replacement will be available in September from WRFN.

https://www.wcdsb.ca/programs-and-services/special-education/special-education-advisory-committee-seac/seac-parent-engagement-night/

8. Policy Advice to the Board

9. Association Concerns/Association Updates (20 minutes)

Christine Zaza was thanked for her participation with SEAC and in the fall someone new from WRFN will be replacing her. The following events will be taking place with WRFN:

Find your Passion – Saturday, August 25; 9:30 am – 3:30 pm at the Woolwich Community Centre.

Families, children and youth are invited to come explore many of the accessible sport and recreation opportunities that Waterloo Region has to offer! More details coming soon!

Transition to Post-Secondary School for Students with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), May 15, 2018.

This 2-hour session was hosted by Waterloo Region Family Network (WRFN) on May 15, 2018, at The Family Centre. The session was co-facilitated by Zina Bartolotta (Access Ability Services, University of Waterloo), Erin Downs (Accessibility Services, Conestoga College), and Christine Zaza (Parent Mentor, WRFN). Laura Kirkland, (Accessible Learning Services, Wilfrid Laurier University) addressed questions related to Wilfrid Laurier University.

Forty-seven individuals attended this session and 15 people completed evaluation forms. On a 5-point scale where 1=Poor, 2=Fair, 3=Good, 4=Very Good, and 5=Excellent, 14/15 participants rated the session as 5 (Excellent) and one person rated the session as 3.5. Participants reported that the session was very informative session and that it was helpful to have this information.

The participants identified the following as the best part of the program: the information, the interactive nature of the session, having speakers from local post-secondary schools, and hearing a parent's personal account of her daughter's transition to, and completion of, her first year of university. Participants also appreciated that facilitators identified their questions at the



beginning of the session and ensured that they answered all questions by the end of the session.

In future, participants would like a session in Cambridge, more details on how to apply for programs, and more emphasis on disability funding through OSAP.

WRDS has their Upside Down Charity Golf Tournament on June 11th, 2018 at the Grey Silo Golf Course.

The following events are being sponsored by Autism Ontario – Waterloo Chapter:

Father's day movie (Chapter sponsored event)

https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/fathers-day-family-movie-morning-incredibles-2-tickets-45504589452

Indoor Playground/Pizza Party

https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/autism-ontario-indoor-playground-cambridge-autisme-ontario-aire-de-jeux-interieure-cambridge-registration-44103924024

Bubble Soccer

https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/autism-ontario-kids-bubble-soccer-waterloo-ages-8-18-registration-46436765616

Music Therapy

https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/autism-ontario-axon-music-sessions-cambridge-ages-4-9-registration-46582269823

Full list of events happening in Central West Region (scroll down for list of coming events)

https://www.eventbrite.ca/o/autism-ontario-potential-programme-central-west-region-autisme-ontario-region-du-centre-ouest-3086585910

Trustee Update

Trustee Gravelle spoke that budget was received and will motion on it on June 18th. The board's Special Education Plan 2018 was passed.

10. Pending Items

11. Adjournment

Motion to end meeting:

Motion by: John Gilbert Seconded: Christine Zaza

12. Action Items Place Holder