

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

6:00 pm Catholic Education Centre - Board Room

WCDSB Mission Statement

*As disciples of Christ,
we educate and nurture hope
in all learners
to realize their full potential
to transform God's world.*

CHAIR: Irene Holdbrook

MEMBERS

WCDSB Trustee – **Jeanne Gravelle**

WCDSB Trustee – **Tracey Weiler**

Waterloo Regional Down Syndrome Society – **Kim Murphy**

Waterloo Regional Police - **John Gilbert**

Autism Ontario – Waterloo Chapter

CNIB – **Irene Holdbrook, Chair**

Family and Children's Services of Waterloo Region – **Stuart Cross**

Waterloo Region Family Network – **Sue Simpson**

Members at Large – **Kristen Feduck, Sarah Van Dyke**



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SEAC Committee Meeting Agenda

Date& Time:	Wednesday, March 4 th , 2020, 6:00 p.m.
Location:	Board Room, Catholic Education Centre
Next Meeting:	April 1 st , 2020
Committee Members: Kim Murphy, John Gilbert, Tracey Weiler, Jeanne Gravelle, Irene Holdbrook, Stuart Cross; Sue Simpson, Kristen Feduck, Sarah Van Dyke	
Administrative Officials: Laura Shoemaker, Gerald Foran	

1. Opening Prayer	L. Shoemaker
Welcome	
2. Approval of Agenda	
Motion by: Seconded:	
3. Declared Pecuniary Interest	
4. Approval of the January 8th Minutes	
Motion by: Seconded	
5. School System Operational Business	
5.1. Special Education Visioning Committee	Principals
5. Ministry Updates (10 min)	
7. SEAC Committee Functions	
8. Policy Advice to the Board	
9. Updates (20 minutes)	
9.1. Association Updates	
9.2. Trustee Updates	
10. Pending Items	

11. Adjournment	
12. Action Items Place Holder	



SEAC Committee Meeting Minutes

Date& Time:	Wednesday, February 5 th , 2020, 6:00 p.m.
Location:	Board Room, Catholic Education Centre
Next Meeting:	March 4 th , 2020
Committee Members: Kim Murphy, John Gilbert, Tracey Weiler, Jeanne Gravelle, Irene Holdbrook, Stuart Cross; Sue Simpson, Kristen Feduck	
Administrative Officials: Laura Shoemaker, Gerald Foran	
Regrets: Gerald Foran, Sue Simpson, Kristen Feduck	

<p>1. Opening Prayer</p> <p>Love-Mercy-Justice</p> <p>Welcome</p>	L. Shoemaker
<p>2. Approval of Agenda</p> <p>Motion by: Jeanne Gravelle Seconded: Tracey Weiler</p>	
<p>3. Declared Pecuniary Interest</p> <p>N/A</p>	
<p>4. Approval of the January 8th Minutes</p> <p>Motion by: Stuart Cross Seconded: Kim Murphy</p>	
<p>5.School System Operational Business</p> <p>5.1. Ministry Updates/ Budget Impact 2019</p> <p><i>Anecdotal</i></p> <p>Funds allocated to Special Education at WCDSB as part of the Local Priority Fund (LPF) terminated in June 2019.</p> <p>1. OECTA Local Priority Fund included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11.5 Special Education Teachers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 5.5 Elementary Teachers ➤ 3.5 Secondary Teacher (21 Sections) ➤ 2.5 Teachers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0.5 Gifted Teacher 	L. Shoemaker

- 1.0 Vision Teacher
- 1.0 Hearing Teacher

Additionally, the funds for the following positions were removed as part of the Budget process 2019 at WCDSB.

- 1.0 Vision Teacher
- 1.0 Hearing Teacher
- 0.5 Gifted Teacher

2. Summary of Teaching Staff

2018-2019	Proposed Cut June 30, 2019	2019-2020
1.0 Principal of Special Education		0.5 Principal of Special Education/ 0.5 Principal Carizon
4.0 Vision Teachers		2.0 Vision Teachers
3.0 Hearing Teachers		1.0 Hearing Teachers
1.0 Gifted Teacher		0 Gifted Teacher
55.5 Elementary Special Education Teachers		51 Elementary Special Education Teachers
147 Secondary Sections		142 Secondary Sections

3. Summary of Non-Teaching Staff

2018-2019	Proposed Cut June 30, 2019	2019-2020
9.0 Social Worker	0.5	9.0 Social Worker
6.0 Communicative Disorder Assistants	3.0	4 Communicative Disorder Assistants
6.0 Speech and Language Pathologists		5 Speech and Language Pathologists
5.0 Psychology Consultants		4.0 Psychology Consultants
1.0 Community Support Worker		0.5 Community Support Worker
0.5 Manager of Student Services		1.0 Manager of Student Services

4. During the 2019-2020 (January to June) school year CUPE extension agreement funds provided the WCDSB an increase of 6.0 Child and Youth Care Workers, 9.0 Educational Assistants and 1.0 Administrative Assistant.

- The Educational Assistants were allocated to schools where new students arrived requiring Education Assistant support.
- The CYCWs were allocated to school who had high referral to the **collaborative team** for the purpose of CWCY supports.

5. An After-school Skills Development Program Ministry grant was provided to WCDSB for 3 years (\$255,012). A 1.0 FTE Applied Behaviour Assistant was hired (80,000/year).


Anecdotal Comments:

- the 2020-2021 school year will allocate 3 CYCWs and 4.5 EAs from the extension agreement
- we are hopeful the LPF will be returned following OECTA labour action

5. Ministry Updates (10 min)

Trustees advised SEAC Committee members that Pro Grants are continuing but in the different and significantly reduced format and are run through the Superintendent of Education that oversees Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC). Different sessions are offered to families through their Families of Schools.

J. Gravelle

<p>7. SEAC Committee Functions</p>	
<p>8. Policy Advice to the Board N/A</p>	
<p>9. Updates (20 minutes)</p> <p>9.1. Association Updates</p> <p><u>WRPS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For those interested to volunteer at Special Olympics click here, you will be able to start the application process. <p><u>WRFN</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Camp & Rec Info Fair – Feb 5th in partnership with KidsAbility at KA in Waterloo. An annual info fair highlighting various camp and rec. programs available in our community. Program providers are on hand to chat with families about programs and answer questions. From 6 – 8 pm. Technology workshop – Feb 6th at The Family Centre – in partnership with Developmental Services Ontario – Using Technology to increase independence for adults with special needs. From 7 – 9 pm 6th Annual Evening of Elegance – April 17 at Luther Village. This is our main fundraising event – an evening of mixing and mingling and entertainment while tasting great wines, beer and cider along with delicious food pairings. An opportunity to support and learn more about WRFN. Early Bird tickets will go on sale mid-February at \$100 per ticket. Full price will be \$125 per ticket <p><u>WRDSS</u></p> <p>Please see flyer attached:</p>  <p>WRDSS upcoming Events Flyer .pdf</p> <p>If interested, here is the link showing details to all upcoming events, including Titans game, World Down syndrome day and Evening Speaker Series on Applied Behavior Analysis. https://www.wrdss.ca/</p> <p>9.2. Trustee Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please see the link for January updates below: https://www.wcdsb.ca/wcdsb-board-meeting-bulletin-january-2020/ Preparation for Sacraments for students with special needs in Catholic schools: Link: https://iceont.ca/curriculum-educational-practice Summer boost program – Program has been very successful in the past. Last summer funding was significantly reduced 	
<p>10. Pending Items</p>	
<p>11. Adjournment</p>	

Motion by: Jeanne Gravelle Seconded: John Gilbert	
12. Action Items Place Holder	