

## SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEAC)

Thursday, June 9th, 2016

6:00 p.m.

Grimsby Lincoln Room – Education Centre

### MINUTES

#### **Committee Members Present:**

Linda Morrice (Chair)	Pathstone Mental Health
Shannon MacDonald (Vice-Chair)	CNIB
Dale Robinson	Trustee, District School Board of Niagara
Samantha Sendzik	Learning Disabilities Association Niagara Region
Amy Dunn	Autism Ontario, Niagara Chapter
Danielle Reynolds	FASD
Ethna Bernat	ABC Ontario, Niagara Chapter

#### **Administration/Resource:**

John Dickson	Superintendent of School Support Services
Jen Currie	OPC Representative: Elementary
Kelly Irvine-Minor	Special Education Consultant
Karen Ferguson	OPC Representative: Secondary

#### **Regrets:**

Catherine Matheson	OPC Representative: Secondary
Kerry Thomas	Community Living Welland Pelham
Julie Stitt	ABC Ontario, Niagara Chapter
Jen Ajandi	Trustee, District School Board of Niagara
Staci Whittle	Niagara Children's Centre
Therese Grenier	Student Achievement Leader: Special Education

#### **Recording Secretary:**

Charlene Airhardt

#### **QUORUM/CALL TO ORDER**

Quorum was established and the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

#### **WELCOME – STUDENT VOICE**

Special Education Consultant Kelly Irvine-Minor introduced a Grade 12 student who is in the culinary program at St. Catharines Collegiate. The school caters many events and supplies the meals for the cafeteria at the Education Centre. He hopes to have a job with the school board when he graduates.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chair Morrice requested a motion to approve the Agenda of the June 9th, 2016 SEAC meeting.

***Moved by Shannon MacDonald, Seconded by Ethna Bernat***

***"That the Agenda dated June 9th, 2016, be approved as presented."***

**CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Chair Morrice requested a motion to approve the Minutes of the May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting

***Moved by Samantha Sendzik, Seconded by Amy Dunn***

***"That the Minutes dated May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 be approved as presented."***

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None

**SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING**

**John Dickson**

Superintendent Dickson presented a power point (attached) about the Special Education Funding Model.

Superintendent Dickson asked the committee for feedback regarding priorities moving forward. Suggestions were to have additional EAs, YCs, and more occupational therapists, more support for students with FASD.

**ASSOCIATION AND BOARD INFORMATION****CNIB**

**Shannon MacDonald**

No report

**ABC Ontario – Niagara Chapter**

**Ethna Bernat**

No Report

**Learning Disabilities Association of Niagara**

**Samantha Sendzik**

The Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario will host a conference on August 23 and 24<sup>th</sup>.

LDAN launched a new website and is looking forward to the Golf tournament June 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Secondary Administrator Representative**

**Karen Ferguson**

The second semester is finishing up. Staff and students are making plans for summer school and working towards the transition for students.

**Niagara FASD**

**Danielle Reynolds**

No report.

**Autism Ontario, Niagara Chapter**

**Amy Dunn**

All camps are full. The golf tournament was well attended. There is a provincial meeting coming up in Toronto. Looking forward to the Special Olympics on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Elementary Administrator Representative**

**Jen Currie**

EQAO is finished and has been sent back. Students were well supported and we are looking forward to the results. We continue to support transitions for our students entering kindergarten and moving to grade 9.

Teachers are busy with report card writing, graduations are fast approaching and Summer Heat programs are filling up quickly.

**Consultant: Special Education**

**Kelly Irvine-Minor**

No report.

**Superintendent**

**John Dickson**

Superintendent Dickson thanked the committee for all their hard work and commitment, Linda Morrice for Chairing, Shannon MacDonald for being Vice-Chair and Charlene Airhardt for taking minutes, noting this would be her last meeting with the SEAC committee.

**Trustee Report**

**Dale Robinson**

Trustees are very busy at the end of year supporting many different events. At the last board meeting the new name for the amalgamation of E.W.Farr and Pelham Centre was announced as Wellington Heights.

The invitation for the Special Olympics was shared. A reminder that there is very limited parking at the Niagara Olympic Club. Please do not park in the fire lanes or on the grass.

**Pathstone Mental Health****Linda Morrice**

No report.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter was sent to The Honorable Tracy MacCharles, Minister of Children and Youth Services, with a copy to all SEAC Chairs in Ontario from the DSBN SEAC regarding the changes in the services of ABA and IBI support.

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

The first meeting for September was discussed, should it be the 8<sup>th</sup> or the 15<sup>th</sup>? It will remain the second Thursday in September which is the 8<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Moved by Amy Dunn, Seconded by Shannon MacDonald.*

*"That the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting adjourn."*

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Special Education Funding power point

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. – Grimsby Lincoln Room



# SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING

*SEAC – June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016*

# Special Education Grant 2016 – 2017

The special education grant provides additional funding for students who need special education programs, services and/or equipment. The Special Education Grant may only be used for special education.

The Special Education Grant is made of six allocations:

- Special Education Per Pupil Amount (SEPPA) Allocation
- High Needs Amount (HNA ) Allocation
- Special Equipment Amount (SEA) Allocation
- Special Incidence Portion (SIP) Allocation
- Facilities Amount (FA) Allocation
- Behaviour Expertise Amount (BEA) Allocation

# SPECIAL EDUCATION PER PUPIL (SEPPA) AMOUNTS

- ▶ JK to Grade 3 - \$ 949.87
  - ▶ Grade 4 to 8 - \$ 729.62
  - ▶ Grade 9 to 12 - \$ 481.87
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- ▶ The amount each school board receives is based on their ADE – or average daily enrolment.

# HNA – HIGH NEEDS AMOUNT

- This amount historically was provided to boards as a per pupil amount, and has been replaced with transitional HNA stabilization support to provide greater fairness and equity among boards and within the province.
- There is a four year provincial plan in place to phase out the historical model and redistribute funding with 2014-2015 being the first year. The historical HNA Per Pupil Amount will be reduced by 25% per year over four years.

# HNA Funds will be redistributed through:

## **The new High Needs Base Amount for Collaboration and Integration**

- ▶ – provides each board with a base amount of funding to establish and or access high needs services, while also exploring collaborative and integrated approaches

## **The HNA Measures of Variability Amount (MOV)**

- ▶ – accounts for approximately 6 % of the HNA Allocation for 2014-2015. The provincial MOV amount is distributed to school boards based on five categories of data as outlined in the Technical Paper.

## **The Special Education Statistical Predication Model (SESPM)**

- ▶ – this is a board specific mathematical prediction model and reflects the relationship between the actual percentage of students reported to be receiving special education programs and/or services in the school board and the average level of socioeconomic status of all students enrolled in the school board.



# SEA – SPECIAL EQUIPMENT AMOUNT ALLOCATION

- ▶ The allocation for 2016-2017 is made up of two different components:
  - ▶ The SEA Per-Pupil Amount, including a \$10,000 base amount for each board as well, an amount based on the ADE for the school board.
  - ▶ The SEA Claims-Based Amount, for the purchase of non-computer based equipment, such as sensory equipment and hearing and vision equipment etc. It is based on a reimbursement model.

# SIP – SPECIAL INCIDENCE PORTION ALLOCATION

The special incidence portion allocation supports students who require more than two full-time staff to address the health and safety needs of both the students who have extraordinarily high needs related to their disabilities and or exceptionalities and of others at their school.

This funding is based on a reimbursement model – support first, reimbursement when the applications are accepted.

# FACILITIES AMOUNT ALLOCATION

- ▶ The Ministry provides funding to school boards to help offset the accommodation and transportation costs of the students in Section 23 Programs: care, custody and treatment that operate in a school board space.
- ▶ For example – the teachers, support staff and classroom supplies for a Section Program are funded by the Ministry – as these classrooms accommodate both boards and not just the DSBN.

# BEHAVIOUR EXPERTISE AMOUNT ALLOCATION

The Behaviour Expertise Amount (BEA) Allocation provides funding for school boards to hire additional board-level Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) expertise to support principals, teachers, and multi-disciplinary transition teams.

# SPECIAL EDUCATION GRANT FOR DSBN 2016-2017

Approximately 52.8 Million Dollars

