

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**HELD WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2017**

**PUBLIC SESSION**

**PRESENT:**

**External** Marilyn Taylor – Chair

**Members:** Ashleigh Molloy – Vice-Chair

Rosanna Del Grosso

Dario Imbrogno

John MacKenzie

Sandra Mastronardi

Gizelle Paine

Laurie Ricciuto

Giselle Romanino

Raul Vomisescu

Glenn Webster

**Trustees:** A. Andrachuk

A. Kennedy

B. Poplawski

G. Tanuan

**Staff:** D. Koenig

C. Fernandes

A. Coke

M. Kokai

P. Stachiw

J. Wilhelm

R. Macchia

S. Harris, Recording Secretary

K. Eastburn, Assistant Recording Secretary

### **3. Roll Call and Apologies**

Apologies were tendered on behalf of Tyler Munro and Mary Pugh.

### **4. Approval of the Agenda**

MOVED by Dario Imbrogno, seconded by John MacKenzie, that the Agenda be amended to include the Addendum, Inquiries from Trustee Kennedy, regarding the most recently released Auditor-General of Ontario report, and Sandra Mastronardi, a Miscellaneous Item from Sandra Mastronardi and a verbal Association Report from Ashleigh Molloy.

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

### **5. Election of Chair**

The Secretary called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Special Education Advisory Committee 2017-18.

MOVED by Ashleigh Molloy, seconded by Sandra Mastronardi, that the name of Marilyn Taylor be placed in nomination.

On the vote being taken, the Motion was declared

CARRIED

Marilyn Taylor accepted the nomination.

MOVED by Trustee Andrachuk, seconded by Trustee Kennedy, that nominations be closed.

Marilyn Taylor was acclaimed Chair of the Special Education Advisory Committee for 2017-2018.

The meeting continued with Marilyn Taylor in the Chair.

## **6. Election of Vice-Chair**

The Chair called for nominations for Vice-Chair of the Special Education Advisory Committee for 2017-2018.

MOVED by Glenn Webster, seconded by Trustee Tanuan, that the name of Ashleigh Molloy be placed in nomination.

On the vote being taken, the Motion was declared

**CARRIED**

Ashleigh Molloy accepted the nomination.

MOVED by Trustee Andrachuk, seconded by Trustee Dario Imbrogno, that nominations be closed.

Ashleigh Molloy was declared Vice-Chair of the Special Education Advisory Committee for 2017-2018.

## **8. Approval and Signing of the Minutes**

MOVED by Trustee Andrachuk, seconded by Gizelle Paine, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 15, 2017 for PUBLIC Session be approved with the following amendment:

Page 2- ... replace ... *boy who recently passed away* ... with ... *boy who was recently diagnosed with* ...

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

## **13. Consideration of Motions for which previous notice has been given**

MOVED by Ashleigh Molloy, seconded by Rosanna Del Grosso, that Item 13a) be adopted as follows:

- 13a) From Sandra Mastronardi regarding Teacher Qualification** received and that SEAC recommend to the Board of Trustees that a request be made to produce a report that quantifies the number of times that a temporary letter of approval has been submitted in relation to any staff employed by the TCDSB in the support and instruction of special education programs and/or services. The report should include the data according to school, dating back no less than 3 years.

The Motion was declared

LOST

MOVED by Trustee Andrachuk, seconded by Rosanna Del Grosso, that the Agenda be reopened.

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Sandra Mastronardi, seconded by Rosanna Del Grosso, that an Inquiry from Sandra Mastronardi be added to the Agenda.

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

**14. Communications**

MOVED by Ashleigh Molloy, seconded by Giselle Romanino, that Item 14a) be adopted as follows:

**14a) SEAC Monthly Calendar Review** received.

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee Andrachuk, seconded by Ashleigh Molloy, that Item 14b) be adopted as follows:

**14b) Special Services Superintendent Update – December 2017** received.

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Sandra Mastronardi, seconded by Giselle Romanino, that Item 14c) be adopted as follows:

**14c) Multi-Year Accessibility Plan** received.

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Trustee Andrachuk, seconded by Sandra Mastronardi, that IT services be included in the list of Commitments to Accessibility Planning, Section 2.4, page 26.

The Amendment was declared

CARRIED

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Sandra Mastronardi, seconded by Trustee Kennedy, that SEAC recommend to the Board of Trustees that the Accessibility Working Group Committee also include parent representation.

The Amendment was declared

CARRIED

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Dario Imbrogno, seconded by John MacKenzie, that the first Amendment be replaced with “*That SEAC recommend to the Board of Trustees that IT services, but not limited to, be included in the list of Commitments to Accessibility Planning, Section 2.4, page 26.*”

The Amendment was declared

CARRIED

The Motion, as amended, was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Sandra Mastronardi, seconded by Trustee Andrachuk, that Items 14d) and 14e) be adopted as follows:

**14d) Report on Update to Special Education Programs (S.P.01) received.**

**14e) Special Education Programs (S.P.01) received.**

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Sandra Mastronardi, seconded by Trustee Kennedy, that SEAC recommend to the Board of Trustees that the Special Education Programs (S.P.01) policy be renamed to *Special Education Programs and Services*.

The Amendment was declared

CARRIED

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Sandra Mastronardi, seconded by Dario Imbrogno, that we globally include *Special Education Programs and Services* throughout the policy.

The Amendment was declared

CARRIED

Rosanna Del Grosso wished for it to be recorded that she was not in favour.

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Trustee Andrachuk, seconded by Trustee Kennedy, that SEAC recommend to the Board of Trustees that an example of blind/low vision be included.



The Amendment was declared

CARRIED

Rosanna Del Grosso wished for it to be recorded that she was not in favour.

The Motion, as amended, was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee Andrachuk, seconded by Ashleigh Molloy, that Item 14f) be adopted as follows:

**14f) Independent Review of Assessment and Reporting in Ontario** received.

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by Dario Imbrogno, that SEAC recommend to the Board of Trustees that the community assessment consultation be distributed immediately to Trustees and parents.

The Amendment was declared

CARRIED

The Motion, as amended, was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee Giselle Romanino, seconded by Glenn Webster, that Item 14g) be adopted as follows:

**14g) Transformation Steering Committee Update from Minister Mitzie Hunter, Minister of Education** received.

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Rosanna Del Grosso, seconded by Trustee Andrachuk, that we look at setting up a working sub-committee to propose items related to the suggestions from the Transportation Steering Committee for discussion at the SEAC January 2018 meeting.

The Amendment was declared

CARRIED

The Motion, as amended, was declared

CARRIED

**15. Matters Referred/Deferred to the Committee by the Board and Other Committees**

**15a) Verbal Update from Tyler Munro regarding Safe Schools Committee**

The Chair requested that this be deferred to the next meeting given that Tyler Munro was not in attendance.

MOVED by Trustee Andrachuk, seconded by John MacKenzie, that Item 15b) be adopted as follows:

- 15b) Verbal Update from Glenn Webster regarding Mental Health Committee received.**

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

**18. Inquiries and Miscellaneous**

MOVED by Rosanna Del Grosso, seconded by Giselle Romanino, that Item 18a) be adopted as follows:

- 18a) From Rosanna Del Grosso regarding Number of Identification Exceptionalities by Grade Report submitted to the Ministry of Education's Ontario Student Information System (ONSIS) as of October 2017** that we have this as a standing item, with a first report in October and a second report in March.

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

- 18b) From Rosanna Del Grosso regarding Number of Gifted Students Requesting to be Placed vs. the Actual Number Placed in a Gifted Intensive Support Program as of September 2017** noted.

- 18c) From Trustee Kennedy regarding the most recently released Auditor-General of Ontario Value for Money Audit report**

Trustee Kennedy requested that the report be included in the January 2018 SEAC Agenda.

MOVED by Sandra Mastronardi, seconded by John MacKenzie, that Item 18d) be adopted as follows:

- 18d) From Sandra Mastronardi regarding Student Trustees' Membership in SEAC** that SEAC recommends to the Board of Trustees that Student Trustees membership in SEAC be considered.

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

- 18e) Sandra Mastronardi regarding Swearing in and Inclusion of Melanie Battaglia, (Autism Ontario SEAC alternate) to the SEAC Communications list**

Arrangements will be made to have Melanie Battaglia sworn in as an official member of SEAC as soon as possible.

- 18f) From Sandra Mastronardi regarding CPIC PRO Grant Conference**

The conference set for March 2018 will provide opportunities for parents to learn how to support their children's learning, including specific learning opportunities to support achievement in children with special education needs.

A warm welcome was extended to Trustee Poplawski, newly-elected Chair of the Toronto Catholic District School Board.

The meeting congratulated:

- Cristina Fernandes, honoured for her commitment to children with special needs by the 2017 Council for Exceptional Children "Yes I Can" Awards,

and also for receiving the Educational Leader of the Year Award from the Toronto Chapter of the Council for Exceptional Children;

- Ashleigh Molloy for receiving the Senate of Canada Sesquicentennial Medal in recognition of the work he has done throughout his career; and
- Giselle Romanino for being selected as a recipient of MP Shaun Chen's Canada 150 Medal for outstanding contributions and service to the Scarborough North community.

## **19. Association Reports**

MOVED by Rosanna Del Grosso, seconded by Trustee Andrachuk, that Item 19a) be adopted as follows:

### **19a) From Gizelle Paine regarding Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario (LDAO) SEAC Circular – November 2017 received.**

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

### **19b) From Ashleigh Molloy regarding a reflection on the work of SEAC members.**

## **22. Adjournment**

MOVED by Dario Imbrogno, seconded by John MacKenzie, that the meeting adjourn.

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

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SECRETARY

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CHAIR